

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Thirty-third Biennial Convention
OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
JOINT SYNOD OF OHIO
AND OTHER STATES,
HELD IN
Dayton, Ohio,
FROM SEPT. 3RD TO SEPT. 10TH, 1896.



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MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-THIRD CONVENTION
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OF
OHIO AND OTHER STATES.

Pursuant to the call of the Hon. President, the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and other States met in its thirty-third biennial convention, *for the first time as a delegate body*, in the Ev. Luth. St. Paul's Church, Rev. M. C. Hecht pastor, at Dayton, O., on the 3d of September, 1896, at 9:00 a. m. The worthy President, C. H. L. Schuette, preached the Synodical sermon on Matt. 16, 18, 19, after which Synod was formally opened by him according to the liturgy of Synod.

The sessions of Synod, with few exceptions, were held in the spacious and beautiful School Hall of St. Paul's congregation. The roll call showed present 54 voting members, 20 advisory members and forty guests; total 114. They are distributed among the different districts as follows:

VOTING MEMBERS.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

PASTORS.

A. J. Feeger, Richmond, Ind.
E. Gerfen, Union City, Ind.
R. C. H. Lenski, Springfield, O.
G. Loewenstein, Holland, Ind.
J. H. Schneider, Columbus, O.

LAY DELEGATES.

J. P. Gruner, Evansville, Ind.
Christ Kah, Anna, O.
W. Banzhof, Middletown, O.
Tobias Theuer, Salamonia, Ind.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

PASTORS.

E. Cronenwett, Butler, Pa.
A. R. Kuldell, Allegheny, Pa.
L. F. Meyer, Canton, O.
H. J. Reimann, Oil City, Pa.

LAY DELEGATES.

Louis Glueck, Youngstown, O.
Fred Snyder, Massillon, O.
L. Schwarzhoff.
John Hermann.

JOINT SYNOD OF OHIO AND OTHER STATES.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

PASTORS.

J. Bauch, Oak Harbor, O.
 A. G. Bergener, Detroit, Mich.
 C. Clessler, Bridgewater, Mich.
 G. Dillmann, Fostoria, O.
 W. C. Lembke, Luckey, O.
 L. F. Mittler, Cardington, O.

LAY DELEGATES.

W. Gast, Detroit, Mich.
 A. Scheld, Sandusky, O.
 J. J. Schaefer, Gallon, O.
 Geo. Motz, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT.

PASTORS.

W. Buehring, Belle Plaine, Minn.
 W. Ganschow, Wells, Minn.
 W. Hohberger, Shakopee, Minn.
 F. Matter, Orient, S. Dakota.
 G. Paul, Stillwater, Minn.

LAY DELEGATES.

Rev. J. G. Appel, Springfield, Minn.

WISCONSIN DISTRICT.

PASTORS.

H. Eisenbach, Oconto, Wis.
 C. Grombach, Marion, Wis.
 P. H. Holtermann, Zittau, Wis.
 J. Klindworth, Galena, Ill.
 H. Meyer, Lincoln, Ill.

KANSAS AND NEBRASKA DISTRICT.

PASTORS.

F. W. Gahre, Glenville, Neb.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

PASTORS.

C. Buechler, Portland, Ore.
 P. Groschupf, Spokane, Wash.

TEXAS DISTRICT.

PASTORS.

W. Steinmann, Ph. D., Fredericks-
 burg, Tex.

LAY DELEGATES.

Prof. L. O. Roos, New Orleans, La.

FIRST ENGLISH DISTRICT.

PASTORS.

Prof. C. Ackermann, Lima, O.
 J. Beck, Richmond, Ind.
 L. M. Hunt, Thornville, O.
 E. Pfeiffer, Fremont, O.
 G. W. Loss, Avalon, Pa.

LAY DELEGATES.

D. Adkins, Kinderhook, O.
 J. Rosellus, West Alexandria, O.
 A. Albert, Lima, O.
 J. Hermann.

DELEGATES, MINISTERS AND TEACHERS.

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CONCORDIA DISTRICT.

PASTORS.

Prof. H. K. G. Doermann, Hickory,
N. C.
E. L. S. Tressel, Baltimore, Md.

LAY DELEGATES.

C. F. Umhan.
F. Einwaechter.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

TEACHERS.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

D. A. Hunsiker, Reading, O.
C. W. Linsenmann, Richmond, Ind.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

R. O. Kielsing, Youngstown, O.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

A. G. Linsenmann, Gallion, O.
R. O. Patzwald, Detroit, Mich.
*Jacob Stumpf, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Prof. C. F. Theiss, Woodville, O.

WISCONSIN DISTRICT.

A. W. Doermann, Blue Island, Ill.
J. H. Scharnberg, Michigan City, Ind.

PRESIDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

Rev. C. H. Rohe, Columbus, O., Western District.
Rev. H. J. Schuh, Allegheny, Pa., Eastern District.
Rev. A. L. Nicklas, Ann Arbor, Mich., Northern District.
Prof. H. Ernst, St. Paul, Minn., Minnesota District.
Rev. H. A. Allwardt, Lebanon, Wis., Wisconsin District.
Rev. Geo. Yung, Lenexa, Kan., Kansas and Nebraska District.
†Rev. Paul Groschupf, Spokane, Wash., Washington District.
†Rev. W. Steinmann, Ph. D., Fredericksburg, Tex., Texas District.
Rev. E. G. Tressel, Columbus, O., First English District.
Rev. E. L. S. Tressel, Baltimore, Md., Concordia District.

THEOLOGICAL PROFESSORS.

M. Loy, D. D., Columbus, O. H. Ernst, St. Paul, Minn.
F. W. Stellhorn, Columbus, O. Wm. Schmidt, St. Paul, Minn.
G. H. Schodde, Ph. D., Columbus, O. †H. K. G. Doermann, Hickory, N. C.

President of the Theological Seminary, Columbus, O., Prof. M. Loy, D. D.
President of Capital University, Prof. F. W. Stellhorn.
Director of Woodville Seminary, Prof. Theo. Mees.

HOUSE-FATHERS OF ELEEMOSYNARY INSTITUTIONS.

Geo. J. Maier, Wernle Orphans' Home, Richmond, Ind.
*Rev. E. Goessling, Old Folks' Home, Allegheny, Pa.

*Excused.

†Also voting members.

PRESIDENTS OF DIFFERENT BOARDS.

Rev. E. A. Boehme, Seminary at Columbus, O.
 Rev. E. G. Tressel, Capital University.
 Rev. H. A. Allwardt, Practical Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.
 Rev. E. L. S. Tressel, Eng. Practical Seminary, Hickory, N. C.
 Rev. H. J. Schuh, Teachers' Seminary, Woodville, O.
 Rev. G. H. Trebel, Wernle Orphans' Home, Richmond, Ind.
 Rev. D. Simon, Publication Board.
 Rev. C. H. Rohe, Home Mission Board.
 Rev. G. Mochel, Director of Pastors' and Teachers' Widows and Orphans' Fund.
 [Mr. J. J. Dobler, Negro Mission Board.
 Rev. H. J. Schuh, St. John's Luth. Home.

TREASURERS.

Mr. F. J. Heer, Columbus, O., General Treasurer.
 Mr. C. Nagel, Springfield, O., Synodical Treasurer.

Agent of Book Concern, Mr. J. L. Trauger, Columbus, O.

GUESTS.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

PASTORS.

F. W. Abicht, Marysville, O.	S. H. Mollenauer, Montra, O.
C. H. Althoff, Welsburg, Ind.	P. A. Peter, West Baltimore, O.
F. W. Althoff, Columbus, O.	C. A. Schaefer, Hartford City, Ind.
J. F. Gerkenmeyer, Bear Branch, Ind.	Prof. E. Schmid, Columbus, O.
Prof. K. Hemminghaus, Columbus, O.	Phil. Schmidt, Grove City, O.
J. H. Kuhlmann, Middletown, O.	G. Schmogrow, Wapakonetta, O.
C. H. Meyer, Greenville, O.	E. Schulz, Celina, O.
A. H. Minneman, Sidney, O.	E. H. D. Winterhoff, Anna, O.

TEACHERS.

L. R. Riedel, Dayton, O.	H. C. Schmidt, Richmond, Ind.
J. H. Schmidt, Dayton, O.	

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

PASTORS.

L. Dammann, Napoleon, O.	A. H. Dornbirer, Sandusky, O.
G. Sutter, Briceton, O.	

WISCONSIN DISTRICT.

Rev. Theo. Marth, Appleton, Wis.

[Represented by Rev. D. E. Snapp.

DELEGATES, MINISTERS AND TEACHERS.

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KANSAS AND NEBRASKA DISTRICT.

Rev. C. Meyer, Herndon, Kan.

FIRST ENGLISH DISTRICT.

PASTORS.

A. Dietrich, West Alexandria, O.	E. F. W. Stellhorn, Marion, O.
L. H. Hurrelbrink, Farmersville, O.	M. R. Walter, Loudonville, O.
Prof. A. Pflueger, Columbus, O.	E. A. Young, Somerset, O.

In addition to the above the following persons also attended the sessions of Synod: Prof. G. K. Leonard of Capital University; Rev. Theo. Meier, Toledo, O.; Rev. C. E. Krumm, Piqua, O.; A. J. Grossmann and Geo. Hueter, Hansler, O.; Rev. W. L. Spielmann, Franklin, O.; H. Hueffelman, A. J. Schilling and F. J. Nickel, Dayton, O.; Michael Schmidt, Hartford City, Ind.

A number failed to record their names.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

In the Lord Jesus Beloved Fathers and Brethren:

For the first time in its history the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Ohio and adjacent States is, as its revised statutes require, assembled as a delegate body. I think I am safe in saying that not one among us looks upon this event with feelings of unmixed pleasure. Of the many brethren that were wont to meet with us on occasions of this kind in the years gone by not a few will be found absent. And among them there are those whose faces we shall not see again in this present life. The good Lord, whom they have served to the end of their days, has called them to a greater assembly where the sorrows of sin and of separation are alike unknown, and where He is pleased to fill them with purest joys and to crown them with highest honors for ever more. They are at home. Let us hold their memory sacred until we also shall be permitted to enter each one the abode prepared for him in heavenly places by Jesus his Lord.

Of the living it is to be sincerely hoped that many, though not delegated, will yet meet with us as guests and make full and free use of the privileges accorded to them as such by the constitution. Nevertheless, there will be many dear brethren whose communion and counsel we highly prize, that will not be permitted to be present. Concerning these absent ones I am confident that they will be with us in spirit, and that in these days for us of high duty and great responsibility, they will remember us with their prayers and intercessions before the throne of grace.

And here it may not be out of place to remind ourselves of the fact that the reorganization of our Synod is in no sense an arbitrary act on the part of its members nor a mere experiment called for by a spirit of innovation among them; but that they have been driven to it by the force of circumstances. Its rapid increase in membership and the wide extension of its borders and the stress of things connected therewith, and nothing else, have made it necessary for Synod to reorganize itself; and it may be added, with great reluctance and not without misgivings about its practicability. In this respect, then, and for the reasons given I think there is no ground for fears that the Lord's blessing will be upon us henceforth in measures less plentiful than it has been in the past.

However, in this connection we do well not to close our eyes to the disadvantages that may result from our present organization. Whether under the new order of things the transaction of business can and will be expedited and made more thorough, as some expect it will, is still an open question and one which the future can alone decide. Be that as it may, certain it is that with its limitation the accountability of representation has been greatly enhanced; and, moreover, that the lines of communica-

tion between the Synod on the one hand and the congregations as its constituent members on the other have been considerably loosened. Thus far every congregation or charge has been entitled to its own representation taken from its own midst; now and from now on this precious right is accorded to a combination of ten parishes. How now are the delegates to report, and render account for Synod's proceedings to the electoral precincts by whom they have been respectively chosen? I consider this to be a question of the greatest practical importance, for if the assembled body resolves upon things good and useful in all possible wisdom, it stands to reason that if such resolutions be not seconded and carried into effect by the congregations, the labor of the body corporate has been spent in vain.

Inasmuch then as a personal report by each delegate to the congregations he represents is impracticable and therefore no longer to be thought of, the following is submitted to your honorable body by way of substitutes:

In the first place, a more general distribution of the printed minutes of Synod; and the minutes themselves so drawn up that they state the reasons urged pro and con upon every resolution under consideration. Secondly, a discussion of the more important measures of Synod at the meetings of conferences, districts and of congregations. And, finally, upon some subjects, a free distribution of circular letters prepared for that purpose, and an extensive sale of penny tracts. If we make up our minds to proceed along lines here marked out, then we may expect, God helping us, in oneness of mind and in union of forces to be able to preserve our common faith and to discharge our common work in the days before us no less than we have done so in days gone by.

As a matter of course, our first care must be about the precious faith we have thus far been permitted to live and walk by. It is certainly a matter of deep regret that for some years past the business interests of Synod have so taken up its time that stated doctrinal discussions and the mutual edification connected with them have been pushed into the background. And yet it is just these, indoctrination and edification, that we have need of most of all. The system of our faith is so profoundly comprehensive that none can be said to have mastered it, whilst some are not more than beginners.

Thanks be to God! it can be said in praise of our Synod that thus far no strange fires have been permitted to burn upon the altars of its churches, and that from the pulpits within its bounds its ministers have everywhere held fast to the pure Word of God, wisely shunning profane and vain babblings both old and new. Is such to be our praise in the future, and in addition to it this other, that our people have proclaimed to them the entire counsel of God for their salvation and that this word of the Gospel is rightly divided to them, then must we also as a Synod

take heed to the doctrine we have subscribed to and the manner in which the same is taught among us.

Above all is this to be insisted on with reference to the cardinal doctrine of our Church as the Church of the Reformation, to wit: justification by grace for Christ's sake and through faith alone. The same holds true, however, and with equal force, as regards another article of our faith; and one that is co-ordinate to the first and should be so dealt with. I here refer to the doctrine of our sanctification as by the same grace of God, for the sake of the same Christ, and alone through the same faith. As a sin-cursed and sin-ridden people we have need of both for our salvation. And as we have need of so do we desire the entire Christ of God in undivided fullness. We desire Him in even measure on His part as both our righteousness and our sanctification; and, again, we desire Him and His gifts on our part in the even measure of faith and of love.

It is true that a clear and clean distinction is to be observed between a sinner's justification on the one hand and between his sanctification, as consisting in regeneration and renewal, on the other. These are two entirely different and distinct acts of God's superabounding grace. But in point of fact they are not to be separated; nor can they be; for in reality they do not constitute acts each one complete in itself and independent of the other but rather are they the constituent parts of such an act, to wit, of man's salvation as the work of God. Much as they differ and are to be kept apart logically, actually they always set in at the same time and are bound together.

As a matter of fact these two acts of divine grace are so closely connected and related that the words used to designate them respectively are, both in Scripture and in church language, occasionally employed interchangeably. "For *justificari*, to justify, signifies at one time that an unrighteous man be *made* righteous or be born again; and, at another time, that he be *declared* righteous. Even as the Scriptures thus use the term." See Müller p. 100. And then that the same can be said of the word sanctification can be readily inferred from such passages as Eph. 5, 26; Heb. 10, 10; and others of the same import.

On the other hand our Confessions are very careful to warn us against all confusion of these two acts as also against the fatal errors that are sure to result from their identification. "It is correctly said that believers who have been justified by faith in Christ have, in this life, received first the imputed righteousness of faith and thereupon also the incipient righteousness of the new obedience or of good works. But these two must not be confounded or at the same time be given a place in the article of our justification before God by faith. For whereas this incipient righteousness or renewal within us is, on account of the flesh, quite imperfect and

unclean in this present life, it cannot in the least avail a person before the judgment seat of God; for before God's judgment the righteousness of the obedience, sufferings and death of Christ, imputed unto faith, alone avail-eth, so that on account of Christ's obedience alone a person is acceptable to God and is received of Him unto adoption and the inheritance of eternal life; and this no less after his renewal and when he has done many good works as before." Müller p. 617.

Justification is an act of God exterior to and in behalf of man; sanctification, on the other hand, is a divine process which takes place within man and by which a change is brought about in his moral nature. The former is a judicial act, and the latter a creative act; howbeit, both of the same mercy of God. By virtue of the first the perfect righteousness of Christ is imputed to man unto a complete covering of the guilt and unto a full remission of the punishment of his sins; by the latter the power of sin is broken within him and he himself is born again, furnished with new life-powers and trained unto a truly godly life. By his justification he is placed into a relation of friendship, by his sanctification into a relation of kinship with God. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5, 17. Christianity is, in its inmost nature, a life; a life of God, in Him, unto Him, yea, and with Him.

The merit acquired for man by his Savior consists not only in the inestimable good of a full and free forgiveness of all sin, but also in the no less precious gift of the Holy Ghost inclusive of all His sanctifying and saving virtues. In view of both, to wit, the justifying and the sanctifying merit of Christ, faith in Him has the same office, the office of appropriation and preservation; and it is not correct to speak of sanctification as a mere result or product of justification only.

Although the newly-planted godly life and its blossoms and fruits are, throughout this life, imperfect and forever absolutely without any merit before God, yet does the Father look upon this life of His children with fond and hearty pleasure. Merit can be ascribed only to the righteousness of Christ mercifully acquired for man, and graciously imparted to him through faith; and this righteousness of Christ constitutes the one and only ground and reason of man's acceptance by God to His grace and favor. The sanctification of the man thus accepted, however, is the only thing that enables him to comfort himself with, and to rejoice in, the grace he has been admitted to.

The gracious remission of sin is indeed a strong motive for the betterment of one's life; nevertheless, it is only one motive among others. And the fact to be emphasized here is, that, the regeneration of a man to a man of God and his training as such to final perfection, constitutes

a direct and distinct act of divine grace; and then, furthermore, that this act is of such import and importance that, in the divine plan of salvation, it is of equal moment with and placed co-ordinate to, the act of justification. But speaking of the one or the other, all the praise is Christ's "who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." 1 Cor. 1, 30. 31.

To save time and space I have expressed myself on the relation of justification and sanctification in a very brief and even somewhat disconnected manner; yet I trust that enough has been said to stimulate further thought on this all important subject. I have felt myself constrained to say the little I did because I labor under the impression that in our own midst a clearer and fuller attention might be given to the matter of personal holiness than it is wont to receive. Besides, I cherish the fond hope that these few lines may serve to awaken and strengthen within our souls the anxious yet hopeful groanings of the apostle St. Paul: "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ, our Lord." Rom. 7, 24. 25.

BUSINESS MATTERS.

DEFERRED BUSINESS.

On matters postponed for action at this session of Synod, the Preliminary Committee will, at the proper time, report to your honorable body, and they may therefore here be passed by.

ATTENDANCE AT DISTRICT MEETINGS.

In compliance with Sec. 4, b. of the By-Laws I have during the past two years attended the sessions of all the Districts of Synod, three of them twice and the other seven once; and it affords me pleasure to state that, upon the whole, I can speak in the most favorable terms of what I have seen and heard at these meetings.

I am deeply impressed with the fact that our brethren everywhere are earnestly bent on building up the kingdom of God from without no less than from within the congregations committed to their charge. Whoever will take the trouble to peruse the doctrinal discussions and the business transactions as they appear in the minutes of these several bodies cannot but reach the same conclusion.

When we are credibly informed how, beyond our lines, the bonds of brotherly unity are often severed by personal and petty envyings and how

the will of God is set at naught by a free resort to political wire-pulling, we can thank God that among us there is little or no cause of complaint touching evils of that kind. From the observations I have made I am glad to say that vacancies are filled with an eye single only to persons' fitness for the place, be these vacancies offices of Synods, pastorates or mission posts. Let us humbly beseech our God that He would cause this spirit of disinterested loyalty to the Church to abide with us everywhere and that He vouchsafe to each and all of us hearts ever ready and willing to do the work He calls us to.

As may be seen from statements made above, I have not carried out the provision of Sec. 4, b. to the letter of its wording; and this, to save the expense of it. I would be pleased to have the brethren of Synod express themselves on this matter and state whether I have properly interpreted the meaning of Sec. 4, or not.

FINANCES.

In order to improve the condition of the General Treasury and to place the latter upon a sound basis in the course of time, I have undertaken the endowment of our several institutions, beginning with those at Columbus. To this end I have endeavored to secure scholarships, legacies and the endowment of professorships.

The scholarships referred to are of two kinds; the one is intended to cover the tuition of a student in perpetuity, and for which a capital fund of \$800 is required; the other is intended to defray, in perpetuity, all the expenses of a student on an investment of a cash capital of \$3,000.

The papers exchanged between the parties of such contracts read as follows:

TO ENCOURAGE AND MAINTAIN a liberal and Christian education of youth in THE CAPITAL UNIVERSITY, an institution of learning, duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, and at present located east of the city of Columbus, Ohio, and in consideration of the creation by said THE CAPITAL UNIVERSITY of a foundation to be known as

THE N. N. SCHOLARSHIP,

I do hereby covenant and agree to pay unto said THE CAPITAL UNIVERSITY the sum of \$40.00 resp. \$150.00 per annum, accounting from the first day of September, A. D. 18____, so long as I shall live; and I hereby bind my executor or administrator to pay out of my estate unto the said THE CAPITAL UNIVERSITY, the sum of \$800.00 resp. \$3,000.00, to be by it invested as a fund for the maintenance in perpetuity of the scholarship hereinbefore named.

WITNESS my hand and seal, this _____ day of

A. D. 18____

Test:

_____ }
_____ }

[SEAL]

IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of \$800.00 resp. \$3,000.00 this day paid, or covenanted and agreed to be paid unto THE CAPITAL UNIVERSITY by N. N., the said CAPITAL UNIVERSITY hath agreed to create and by these presents doth hereby create a foundation to be known as

THE N. N. SCHOLARSHIP,

to which scholarship the said N. N. shall be permitted to name and appoint the beneficiary, if he choose so to do, always provided that the youth he may select is of good moral character, and as a student, submit to all the rules and regulations of the institution receiving him.

In witness whereof, THE CAPITAL UNIVERSITY hath caused its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, and the president thereof hath subscribed his name this _____ day of _____ A. D., 18____

[L. S.] _____

The scholarships I have been able to dispose of thus far are the following:

No. 1.	C. H. L. Schuette	\$ 800 00
No. 2.	F. J. Heer	800 00
No. 3.	F. R. Guthke	800 00
No. 4.	G. D. Simen	800 00
No. 5.	H. Ahlers	800 00
No. 6.	D. F. Schuette	800 00
No. 7.	L. V.	3,000 00
No. 8.	S. K.	800 00
No. 9.	J. J. Dobler	800 00
No. 10.	G. A. Dobler	800 00
No. 11.	G. A. Dobler	800 00
No. 12.	G. A. Dobler	800 00
No. 13.	L. Stutz	800 00
No. 14.	Mrs. T. Heffner (per building lot)	800 00

Total \$ 13,400 00

The cash receipts on the above for the past two years amount to \$1,202.50.

Inasmuch as gifts of this description are in their nature most holy offerings to the Lord and His church, I have made haste slowly in my endeavors to secure such funds. Quite a number of our members, to whom this matter has been presented, have taken it into prayerful consideration; and I hope that at some time to come their names can be added to the list.

In the same way and in the same spirit, I have proceeded in my efforts to secure legacies. Through my agency in part, and in part without, the

following cash amounts or their equivalents have been made over to Synod or to one or the other of its institutions:

- a) Paid \$1,525.00.
- b) Secured, say \$29,500.

I am permitted here to state that our dear brother, Rev. G. Baughman, of Eaton, O., and his wife have, by their last will and testament, made provision to endow a theological professorship in our Seminary at Columbus. On \$5,000 already paid on this account an annuity note, bearing 5 per cent interest, has been given them and on which they may draw on us during their natural lives.

With regard to his financial duties and efforts generally, the President of this body will need the hearty cooperation of all the brethren of Synod. If this be accorded him the enterprise set on foot may, with the help of God, be expected to succeed; otherwise not.

With reference to the ever-increasing burden of OUR DEBT and the anxious questions this gives rise to, I have this to say:—

In the first place, unless proof be furnished that our labor is too much for our strength or that in anything we have undertaken something to which the Lord has not called us, there can be no thought of unburdening ourselves of any portion of it. Every proposition with that end in view would be sinful; for in whatsoever things it pleases God to employ us, it behooves us to render Him immediate and constant obedience, and not to confer with the flesh and blood of man. Comp. Gal. 1. 15. 16. To provide the necessary means and strength is the Lord's business, and not ours. Dear brethren, what we stand in need of in this day of our distress is not so much a flush of gold and silver as a gracious outpouring of the Holy Ghost to create within us obedient, trustful and selfsacrificing hearts devoted to the Lord's cause. This grace given us, let it be our chief care by patient instruction and personal example to provoke one another to love and good works; for I am persuaded that a decrease of our Synodical indebtedness can be brought about only by an increase of godliness among us and among our people. The debt that weighs upon us is also a sermon; and happy those, be they pastors or laymen, who can with a good conscience give ear to its accusing voice.

In the second place: in case we should arrive at the conclusion, as I hope we will, that in faithfulness to our Lord we cannot abandon any of the work we have undertaken, the question still remains whether a saving of expenses cannot be effected in some way and whether additional resources might not be opened and be made available. Would it not be possible, for example, by some change or another, to make our periodical publications a source of income? Again, has not the time arrived for us to stay, for the present, at least, all further extensions of our publishing house and require the Book Concern to pay a small per cent of its annual net profits to the General Treasury? These and similar questions I beg your honorable body to take into thorough consideration.

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED.

Whereas, it is expressly set forth in the Preamble to its Constitution that this Synod is organized for the purpose of doing church work in a corporate way; and whereas it has, to accomplish its end, reserved to itself the right of establishing institutions of learning, of publishing books and papers for common use, and of authorizing and controlling all enterprises of a general churchly character; and whereas its individual members have, by virtue of their connection with Synod, surrendered the exercise of all such rights, therefore I beg your honorable body clearly to express itself on movements which, as it seems to me, are not in accord with the fundamental principles above referred to. What is the position of synod with reference to

- a) Lima College;
- b) Local Periodicals;
- c) The Luther League?

There can be no doubt that a division of our forces must result in injury to the body general, and cripple its work. If our connection with Synod is earnestly meant, then must we work with it and not apart from it; and in all questions of policy we must be ever ready to yield our personal opinions and preferences to the jurisdiction of the body we have become members of. This is the basis of all united action; and I beg our congregations, our pastors, and our teachers at no time to lose sight of it. It would be a great gain in more ways than one if, for example, the same books and periodicals—issued by Synod—could be introduced into all the congregations and schools connected with us. This is a Synodical pride or patriotism that is entirely justifiable; and for this more room might be given in our ranks than has hitherto been accorded it.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

a) In my opinion it might prove of advantage to our work at large if in connection with convention of Synod the several District Presidents present were to hold a conference by themselves. At such meetings much good counsel and useful information might be obtained which would enable these brethren to act more intelligently in the discharge of certain of their duties.

b) There is a discrepancy between the chartered names of this Synod and its theological seminary at Columbus. The former is "The Ev. Luth. Synod of Ohio and adjacent States;" the latter is "The German Luth. Seminary of the German Luth. Synod of Ohio and adjacent States." These names should be reconciled by due process of law; and I suggest that in the name of the former "adjacent" be changed to "other;" and then, that the name of the seminary be so amended that it read "The Theological Seminary of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Ohio and other States."

c) Synod should have a seal; and I hope that favorable action will be taken on this suggestion.

d) It would be well also for this Synod to resolve that private petitions for aid unless properly countersigned by officers of Synods, shall not be published in our papers; and furthermore, that no attention be paid them if by some other means they find their way into our congregations.

e) I recommend that for stated collections special seasons or days be set apart among us, and that our congregations be requested in love to adapt themselves to such arrangement if made. This would do away with certain disorders. It has occurred that whilst some of our papers endeavored to enthruse their readers for some special object on some particular day, others have labored with these same people for efforts in other directions. Such clashings of interest ought not to be.

f) Lastly, I recommend that all bequests of \$100 and over, if not stipulated otherwise, be invested as an endowment fund for the benefit of the institution or treasury for the benefit of which the bequest has been made.

One more remark, and I am done. As brethren in Christ and as workers together with God and with one another in the same cause, the assumption is that we all desire to have only such action taken as will best promote the end we have in view in common. Much therefore as we may differ in opinion on propositions of polity, there can be no reasonable ground for bitterness of feeling and for personal wranglings among us. Accordingly, I express the hope that nothing of that sort will disturb the peace whilst we take counsel together on affairs pertaining to the kingdom of God and to the salvation of precious souls.

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ: to whom be glory for ever and ever! Amen!" Heb. 13, 20, 21.

C. H. L. SCHUETTE

ORGANIZATION OF SYNOD.

After the reading of the President's report, Synod proceeded to the election of officers. Upon motion the Order of Business was suspended in so far as it refers to the election of President and Vice-Presidents, in order that Synod might learn as to the feasibility of continuing the office of General President. This matter came up for consideration in the 13th session. The question was asked: Does the office of General President, especially at this time of our great financial need, justify the outlay? To this it was replied that the importance and usefulness of this office cannot be valued in dollars and cents. The financial part of this office is by no means its most important function, especially since we now assemble as a delegate body. For this reason, if for none other, the office ought to be retained. In many districts much desirable information could not be obtained until the present arrangement was made; unity of spirit could not so well be maintained, but by means of this office all are brought into closer contact and touch with each other and are made to feel that they all have common interests, though many thousand miles apart.

The Mission Board also testified that the General President had been of material service to them, inasmuch as they had been enabled to obtain a better view of the whole field and to act more intelligently. To obtain this information would have meant a considerable outlay of money. The worthy President also stated that he had attended all the districts at least once in the past two years, visited many conferences, and been present at many meetings of boards, etc, took part in the discussion at each, which necessarily required preparation; and then that on an average he had preached once every Sunday. In addition to this there is an extensive correspondence to attend to. What the Hon. President did for Synod financially is given in his report, and at the present time he has in view no less than 20 scholarships. It was decided to retain the office of General Pres-

ident by an overwhelming majority. The following officers were elected:

PROF. C. H. L. SCHUETTE.....	<i>General President.</i>
REV. E. A. BOEHME.....	<i>Eastern Vice-President.</i>
PROF. H. ERNST.....	<i>Western Vice-President.</i>
REV. H. P. DANNECKER.....	<i>German Secretary.</i>
REV. WM. H. PRICE.....	<i>English Secretary.</i>
MR. C. NAGEL.....	<i>Synodical Treasurer.</i>

Synod completed its business in 14 sessions, three of which were held in the evening. Each session was opened with an appropriate divine service by the Chaplain, Rev. J. H. Schneider.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

In accordance with an established arrangement the Preliminary Committee, consisting of representatives, two pastors and two lay delegates, from each district, met in the school house of the St. Paul's Church, Tuesday morning, September 1, 1896, at 9:00 a. m. The meeting was opened with devotional services by the Hon. President, C. H. L. Schuette. In the absence of the German Sec'y, Dr. Steinmann took his place. Upon motion the delegates appointed by District Presidents were accorded the right to vote in Preliminary Committee.

DELEGATES TO THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

Western District: Revs. G. H. Trebel and E. Gerfen, and Mr. W. Banzhof.

Eastern District: Revs. H. J. Reimann and R. Kuldell, and Messrs. F. H. Snyder and Louis Glueck.

Northern District: Revs. G. Dillmann and C. J. L. Benzin, and Messrs. W. Gast and A. Scheid.

Minnesota District: Revs. G. Paul and F. Matter, and Rev. G. Appel (delegate from congregation).

Wisconsin District: Revs. C. Grombach and H. Eisenbach, and Mr. Theo. Mann.

Washington District: Rev. P. Groschupf.

Kan. and Neb. District: Rev. F. W. Gahre.

Texas District: Dr. W. Steinmann and Prof. L. O. Roos.

First English District: Revs. Wm. H. Price and E. Pfeiffer, and Messrs. J. Hermann and J. Roselius.

Concordia District: Prof. H. K. G. Doermann and Rev. D. E. Snapp, and Messrs. F. Einwaechter and C. F. Umhan.

All documents sent in to the Hon. President were now handed to different sub-committees for a report. Before these reports were presented to Synod, they were considered in the Preliminary Committee as a whole and adopted.

The sub-committees were:

I. *On Educational Institutions:* Prof. H. K. G. Doermann, Revs. Wm. H. Price, C. Grombach and G. Appel, and Mr. L. Glueck; advisory: Revs. H. A. Allwardt and E. A. Boehme.

II. *On Missions:* Revs. G. Paul, P. Groschupf, J. Beck and R. Kuldell, and Mr. W. Gast; advisory: Prof. H. Ernst and Rev. D. E. Snapp.

III. *On Eleemosynary Institutions:* Revs. G. H. Trebel and C. J. L. Benzin, and Mr. C. F. Umhan; advisory: Rev. H. J. Schuh.

IV. *On Treasurers' Reports and Finances:* Revs. G. Dillmann, E. Gerfen and H. J. Reimann, and Messrs. F. H. Snyder and F. Einwaechter; advisory: Rev. E. G. Tressel and Prof. Theo. Mees.

V. *On President's Report and Varia:* Dr. W. Steinmann, Revs. T. Matter and H. Eisenbach, Prof. L. O. Roos and Messrs. J. Roselius and C. Kah.

VI. *On Publication Matters:* Revs. E. Pfeiffer and F. W. Gahre, and Messrs. A. Scheid and W. Banzhof; advisory: Rev. D. Simon.

VII. *On Order of Business and Mode of Election:* Revs. H. J. Schuh, A. R. Kuldell, H. Eisenbach, and Mr. C. F. Umhan.

It was resolved that hereafter the Presidents of Institutions and Boards be required to be present at the meeting of the Preliminary Committee.

C. H. L. SCHUETTE, *Chairman.*
W. STEINMANN, *Ger. Sec'y.*
WM. H. PRICE, *Eng. Sec'y.*

BUSINESS OF SYNOD.

ORDER OF BUSINESS AS ADOPTED BY SYNOD.

THURSDAY.

Organization. Adoption of Order of Business. Election of Officers. By-Laws, beginning with Sec. 8.

FRIDAY.

Morning—Institutions at Columbus and Consolidation of Seminaries.

Afternoon—St. Paul, Hickory and Woodville.

SATURDAY.

Morning—Report of General Treasurer and Finances.

MONDAY.

Morning—Missions.

Afternoon—Home for the Aged and Orphans' Home.

TUESDAY.

Morning—President's Report.

Afternoon—Publication Matters.

WEDNESDAY.

Treasurers' Reports and Miscellaneous Business.

Resolved, That Synod shall not deviate from this Order of Business unless demanded by three-fourths of the members present.

Proceedings of Synod.

Reports of the Different Boards, Treasurers, Committee Reports, Proceedings and Resolutions Respecting the Same, as they were Adopted by Synod, Except Where Otherwise Expressly Stated.

SEMINARY AT COLUMBUS, OHIO.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Joint Synod of Ohio and Adjoining States:

Dear Brethren:—In offering to you our biennial report of the work of the Board and the Seminary, we feel moved to express our thankfulness to God for the rich measure of divine blessing that has rested upon our institution also during the past two years.

Since the last meeting of Joint Synod your Board has met in four regular and two extra sessions.

In the school year of 1894-1895 there were 37 students in our Seminary. Eight of these were admitted to the ministry. The number of students in the Seminary last year was 41. Fifteen of these were ordained at the close of the last term of school. Hence, during these past two years 23 young men were sent into the field. In this connection we beg leave to state, that, besides the regular oral examinations, written examinations have been introduced also. This new departure has proved very beneficial and will be made permanent.

Prof. C. H. L. Schuette having been elected President of Joint Synod appeared before your Board and tendered his resignation as theological professor. This his resignation was accepted September 3, 1894. The vacancy thus made was supplied for some time by Dr. G. H. Schodde. As already announced in our church papers, Dr. Schodde was called to this professorship in the Seminary in June, 1895, and has accepted and been active in this department since.

Your honorable body is herewith informed that a piece of property in the city of New Orleans, La., has been bequeathed to our Seminary by Mrs. Anna Maria Rohders, deceased, and that, according to the condi-

tions and terms of her will, the revenues of said property are to be used for the support and education of young men of the Lutheran faith.

We furthermore call your attention to the fact that Mr. F. W. Stock, member of the Board of Trustees of Capital University, whose term of office expired in December, 1894, was re-elected for a term of three years; also Mr. Geo. Hellermann, a member of the same Board, whose term of office expired in December, 1895, was also re-elected for another term of three years.

There are three vacancies in your Board which must be filled at this meeting of Synod. Those whose term of office has expired are: F. W. Althoff, M. C. Hecht and C. Nagel.

Respectfully submitted,
Dayton, August, 1896.

M. C. HECHT, *Secretary*.
E. A. BOEHME, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

a) We recommend that a "post-graduate theological course" be established at our seminary at Columbus as soon as possible.

b) The resignation of the Honorable General President, C. H. L. Schuette, made the calling of a new professor necessary; changes were therefore made to meet the vacancy. Your committee moves that Synod approve the calling of a new professor as well as changes which were made.

c) In the report of the General President it was recommended that the names of our Synod and the seminary at Columbus be in a legal way made to harmonize. Your committee recommends, that the name of Synod be so changed that it read: "The Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and other States," and that accordingly the name of the seminary be: "The Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and other States."

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

God's rich blessings have rested upon the work of Capital University during the past two years; by His help we have made some progress, and hope in the future for still greater prosperity.

There were in attendance during the school year 1894-1895 in the College proper and in the Preparatory Department 105, during the year 1895-1896 just 100. Two classes were graduated containing 17 and 16 members respectively, each of whom received the title A. B. This title was also given to one other student who passed the examinations for it. The title A. M. was conferred upon Rev. C. B. Gohdes of New Orleans, La., who by literary work proved himself worthy of the honor.

Rev. Prof. C. H. L. Schuette, after accepting the office of President of Joint Synod, resigned both his professorship in the college and his office as President of Capital University. His resignation was accepted, but he was to continue teaching Mathematics until his successor could take up the work. October 17, 1894, Prof. E. Brown, a former graduate of Capital University, and at the time Professor of Mathematics in Lehigh University, was called to the chair of Mathematics; he accepted and was duly installed. Professor F. W. Stellhorn was called to the presidency of Capital University and now holds this position.

For nearly two years Prof. Brown carried on his work with evident success, when at last illness compelled him to ask for a leave of absence. A leave of one year was granted him, in the hope that he may completely recover and return to take up his work with new vigor. One of our recent graduates temporarily fills Prof. Brown's place.

In consequence of the change made by Joint Synod in regard to the Housefathership of Capital University, Prof. A. Pflueger resigned this office, the resignation to take effect in June, 1895. The resignation was accepted, and together with Christ Church at the institution, Rev. L. H. Schuh, of Tacoma, Wash., was called as housefather of the institution and pastor of the church. The call was accepted, and Rev. Schuh was installed December 10, 1895.

To obtain a better hold of the finances of the institution, a special treasurer was elected in the person of Prof. G. K. Leonard, who will make his report to you. We find that our income amounts to about \$5,000.00 annually, and we request your honorable body to appropriate to us at least \$8,000.00 additional per year. Prof. Leonard has been instructed to be present at the meeting of the Preliminary Committee, to represent the Board in the Financial matters of the institution.

A petition from the Alumni of Capital University requesting a course of science in the college, induced the Board not only to introduce sciences, but also to elevate the entire course in the college. Greek finds a place now in the second year of the Preparatory Department; Botany, Physiology, Chemistry, Geology, Astronomy and Civics are so distributed in the college proper that a complete scientific course is open to our students. Raising the course throughout somewhat has, it seems, a tendency to bring us more advanced students, something we by no means deplore.

We have yet to report that fire-extinguishers were put into the buildings. Prof. A. Pflueger was given the title of Professor of English Literature. The treasury for the "New Building" remains in the hands of Pres. C. H. L. Schuette. The Board has revised its Constitution and amplified the By-Laws, the whole to be duly printed in pamphlet form. A valuable bequest of various pieces of property has come to us from Mrs. Anna Maria Rohders, of New Orleans, La. Graduates of the Scientific Course are to receive the title B. S. Beneficiary students are required to have a testimonial from their congregations to the effect that they are worthy and needy; they are also required to sign a pledge obligating themselves to enter the ministry of our Synod, and in case of failure to refund all moneys remitted in their favor. The boarding business at the institution has been put upon an entirely new footing recently; boarding is now furnished students at \$1.75 per week.

May the Lord bless all your deliberations and resolutions.

R. C. H. LENSKI, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

To the Board of Trustees of Capital University:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The following report covers the financial transactions of the Treasury of Capital University from August 12, 1894, to August 31, 1896, inclusive.

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

From General Treasurer '94-'95.....	\$ 13,056 32
From General Treasurer '95-'96.....	11,852 33
From Students.....	3,696 35
Miscellaneous.....	167 42
Total.....	\$ 28,772 42

EXPENDITURES.

C. H. L. Schuette	\$ 390 00
M. Loy	2,847 21
F. W. Stellhorn	2,797 18
G. H. Schodde	2,360 00
K. Hemminghaus	2,050 00
G. K. Leonard	2,300 00
A. Pflueger	1,885 00
E. L. Brown	1,440 00
E. Schmid	850 00
L. H. Schuh	240 00
Telephone service	200 35
Natural Gas	1,654 80
Chemicals	80 24
Moving expenses (Schuh)	200 00
Insurance	613 00
Fire extinguishers	98 60
Cementing cellar	90 46
File ditch	28 49
Miscellanies	457 68
Repairs	612 48
Steward's salary	600 00
Hired help	525 00
Beneficiaries	6,425 42
Balance on hand	26 51
Total	\$ 28,772.24

STEWARD'S DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance August 1, 1894	\$ 125 56
From students	5,803 95
From General Treasury, 1894-95	1,431 00
Miscellaneous	196 79
Total	\$ 7,557 20

EXPENDITURES.

Groceries	\$ 3,037 41
Meat	1,199 49
Bread	817 16
Hired help	1,153 81
Steward's salary	550 00
Miscellaneous	786 62
Balance paid to treasurer	12 71
Total	\$ 7,557 20

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. K. LEONARD, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

In regard to the advancement of the college course in Columbus your committee does not only approve of this step, but it also desires to express its joy and gratitude in regard to this matter.

TEACHERS' SEMINARY, WOODVILLE, OHIO.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Dear Brethren in Christ:

With hearts full of gratitude toward God we report to Synod that the work of this institution has been carried on with marked success during the past two years. Love and harmony, which are so necessary for the prosperity of such work, have prevailed among the teachers. The diligence and conduct of the students was satisfactory and God preserved both teachers and scholars from serious illness and accident.

The Board was organized February 4, 1895, by the election of Rev. H. J. Schuh as President, Teacher A. Oberschulte as Secretary, and Mr. B. S. Otten as Treasurer. The other members of the Board are Rev. H. W. Mohrhoff, Rev. E. Pfeiffer, Teacher G. A. Gohl and Messrs. H. Toepel and J. J. Schaefer.

During the scholastic year '94-'95 there were 43 students in the institution. Of these six after having passed the final examination accepted calls as teachers of parochial schools. During the year '95-'96 there were 45 students. This year there were five graduates.

At the regular meeting in February, '95, the Board with gratitude toward God accepted a donation from Mr. Henry Niemann, of Woodville, O., amounting to \$1,025.00.

To the Ladies' Society of Solomon's church, Woodville, O., the Seminary is indebted for a fine range and matting for the corridors, which were gratefully received. In June, '95, our former steward, Mr. Gutzmer, having resigned, Mrs. Fark was appointed and has since then filled the position with faithfulness and ability.

In February, '96, Teacher Karl Vogel, who had for the past year assisted Director Mees in the school for practice, was regularly appointed to this position under the same conditions as his predecessor, Teacher L. Fehr.

The board hereby calls the attention of Synod to the fact that at the last meeting of Joint Synod the Committee on Appropriations increased the salary of Prof. Gauff \$100. But as the printed minutes failed to show that Synod took any action on this matter, we ask your honorable body at this meeting to ratify such increase.

The following is a table showing the number of beneficiary students:

1894 - 1895.

Whole number of students	43
Full beneficiaries	10
Beneficiaries in part	1
Total	11

Of these there are from the Northern District	3
From the Orphans' Home	5
From the Western District	2
From California	1

1895 - 1896.

Whole number of students	45
Full beneficiaries	11
Beneficiaries in part	2

Total 13

Of these there are from the Northern District	4
From the Orphans' Home	4
From the Western District	3
From Germany	1
From California	1

We would also call attention to the fact that through the personal efforts of Director Mees there were a number of improvements made about the house gratuitously.

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. B. S. Otten, will show the financial standing of the institution.

We beg leave to call the attention of Synod to the fact that the term of office of the following members of the Board expires at this session: Rev. H. J. Schuh, Mr. B. S. Otten, Mr. H. Toepel, Teacher A. Oberschulte.

May the Lord our God be with us in the future as in the past and richly bless our Seminary.

In the name of the Board,

H. J. SCHUH, *President.*

A. OBERSCHULTE, *Secretary.*

August, '96.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

1894.	
Sept. 7, balance in treasury	\$ 31 70
Received from F. J. Heer, General Treasurer	6,504 30
Received from Director Theo. Mees, boarding and tuition	2,909 75
Received from pastors and congregations	221 25
Interest on note	140 00
	\$9,897 00

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of professors	\$ 4,485 00
Mr. Gutzmer, salary	363 21
Mrs. Fark, salary	274 84
Interest	348 00
Other expenditures, fuel, provisions, etc	4,393 44
Balance in treasury	32 51
	\$ 9,897 00

INDEBTEDNESS.

Balance due professors	\$ 1,045 00
Balance due Mrs. Fark	117 00
Balance due for fuel, provisions, etc	860 00
Total	\$ 2,022 00

B. S. OTTEN, *Treasurer.*

Woodville, Aug. 18, 1896.

BUILDING FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1894.	
Aug. 18, balance in treasury	\$ 172 63
Receipts since	211 50
	\$ 384 13

EXPENDITURES.

Insurance on buildings	\$ 201 90
Interest	93 00
Debt paid	50 00
Balance in treasury	39 23
	\$ 384 13

INDEBTEDNESS.

On promissory notes	\$ 6,500 00
Deduct money loaned out at interest	1,000 00
Net indebtedness	\$ 5,500 00

B. S. OTTEN, *Treasurer.*

Woodville, Aug. 18, 1896.

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

a) From the reports of the District Synods it appears that all Districts, Nebraska and Eastern Districts excepted, have declared that they are not in favor of admitting young ladies to our

seminary at Woodville, Ohio. Your committee recommends that Synod decide this question in the same way.

b) In regard to the increase of the salary of Prof. Gauff \$100 per year, by the Committee on Appropriations, which did not receive the consent and approval of Synod two years ago, having been overlooked, we move that Synod do now approve such increase for the past two years.

LUTHER SEMINARY, ST. PAUL, MINN.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

In the name of the Board the undersigned respectfully submits the following report:

Also during the last two years the Lord has been kind unto us and has blessed the work of our hands. No accidents have befallen our institution. His fatherly goodness has also helped us through the great financial troubles which often threatened our work. To Him alone be all the praise. In spite of the great financial strain the number of our students has not decreased, having been 73 and 69 respectively. It would even have been larger, if the faculty had not been constrained by the poor state of the finances of the institution to refuse a number of otherwise good applications.

Twenty-three candidates could be examined during the two years and sent into the holy ministry.

As regards the conduct and diligence of the students, no special complaints were made. The spirit of the students may, in general, be called good.

In conclusion the attention of Synod is called to the fact that the terms of office of Revs. H. A. Allwardt and G. Paul and Mr. G. Hespenheide expire. Respectfully,

GEO. PAUL, *Sec'y.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 9, 1896.

Receipts and expenditures from June 1, 1894, to May 31, 1895	\$ 3,772 44
Receipts and expenditures from June 1, 1895, to May 31, 1896	4,451 10
Total for the two years	\$ 8,223 54
Value of meat and flour collected for 1894 to 1895	44 37
Value of meat and flour collected for 1895 to 1896	, 361 37
Total of all receipts from Synod	\$ 8,629 28

RECEIPTS FROM STUDENTS.

For board, 1894 to 1895	\$ 1,689 53
For board, 1895 to 1896	1,870 88
Total for board	\$ 3,560 41
For tuition, 1894 to 1895	188 00
For tuition, 1895 to 1896	344 06
For fuel, 1894 to 1895	428 00
For fuel, 1895 to 1896	430 95
Total for tuition and fuel	\$ 1,391 01
Allowed from Synod for the two years	11,000 00
Subtract tuition and fuel	1,391 01
	\$ 9,608 99
Received from General Treasurer	8,629 28
Due the Seminary	\$ 975 51
Luther Seminary has never yet received its full allowance.	
From June 1, 1893, to May 31, 1894, total receipts from Synod were	
but \$3,252.59.	
Salary, Prof. H. Ernst	\$ 1,000 00
Salary, Prof. W. Schmidt	800 00
Salary, Prof. D. Ahl	800 00
Rent, Prof. H. Ernst	240 00
Rent, Prof. W. Schmidt	200 00
Rent, Prof. D. Ahl	175 00
Total	\$ 3,215 00
Debts: Household over \$2,000; professors' salaries nearly six months.	
WM. SCHMIDT.	

REPORT ON BUILDING FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Total amount borrowed	\$ 5,300 00
From Treasurer Heer	700 00
Collected by Rev. Ebert	319 86
Other collections	184 50
Per H. Harris, subscription	25 00
From Lawyer Harris, surplus	97 75
Net receipts	\$ 6,627 11
Add to this money received and acknowledged by	
Teacher Bammann, and turned over to me	635 86
Total receipts	\$ 7,262 97

EXPENDITURES.

Paid on liens	\$ 5,043 49
To Lawyer Harris, for services	100 00
To Mrs. Miller \$100, to Rev. Duborg, traveling expenses \$38; in Bammann's account as "sundries"	138 00
Paid further to Mrs. Miller	\$ 550 00
Paid further to Mr. Grunke	700 00
Paid further to Rev. Buehring	100 00
	1,350 00
Interest to Mrs. Miller	\$ 33 75
Interest to Mr. Grunke	10 00
Interest to Rev. Buehring	10 36
Interest to Mr. Schwartz	120 00
Interest to Rev. Meier	6 00
Interest to Mr. Prange	50 00
Interest to Mr. Bender	60 00
	290 11
Paid to Mr. Baumeister	10 00
Total	\$ 1,650 11
Received and accounted for by Teacher Bammann, as stated above	635 86
	\$ 1,014 25
Total expenditures	\$ 6,295 74

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts	\$ 6,627 11
Expenditures	6,295 74
Balance in treasury	\$ 331 37

Report on the total receipts and expenditures of the Seminary Building Fund:

RECEIPTS.

As per report of Teacher Bammann, August, 1894...	\$ 21,518 80
Received from Bammann since that date, as the books show	713 11
Collected by Prof. Ernst	504 36
Subscriptions collected by Prof. Ernst	25 00
Subscriptions collected by Harold Harris	65 00
Loan (not in Bammann's account)	100 00
Per Treasurer Heer	700 00
Per Treasurer Heer	3,000 00
From sale of Afton Seminary	1,000 00
Total	\$ 27,626 27

EXPENDITURES.

To Charles Eg, as per Bammann's report of 1894	\$ 14,637 85
For well	\$ 225 00
For wind pump	313 00
For fire escape	175 00
For insurance	270 00
For sundries—Bammann \$ 275.26, Ernst \$ 138.00	413 26
	1,396 26
Bammann has since expended	938 42
Paid liens, per Lawyer Harris	3,692 25
Paid liens per Prof. Ernst	5,043 49
Paid per Prof. Ernst, sundries	1,014 25
Lawyer Harris, per self	275 00
Lawyer Harris, per Prof. Ernst	100 00
Total expenditures	\$ 27,097 52

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts	\$ 27,626 27
Expenditures	27,097 52
Balance in treasury	\$ 528 75
Of this amount there is in charge of Bammann	\$ 197 38
The Seminary	220 16
Prof. Ernst	111 21
	\$ 528 75

H. ERNST, *Professor.*

I find the above report, as far as it concerns my receipts and expenditures, *correct.*

H. BAMMANN, *Ex-Treasurer.*

ENGLISH PRACTICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, HICKORY, N. C.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

During the past two years the work of this institution was carried on with moderate success. The Lord has graciously preserved both teachers and students from serious sickness and accidents.

Prof. F. H. Patzer, having been duly called to the professorship of the Proseminary, made vacant by the resignation of Prof. W. E. Tressel, accepted the call, and was installed by the undersigned in April 1895, authorized by Rev. E. L. S. Tressel, President of the Board.

Mr. G. A. Brady, member of the Board, departed this life, and Mr. E. L. Hunsucker was elected to fill the vacancy.

In the year 1894-95 there were 19 students in attendance, 10 in the Seminary and 9 in the Proseminary. During the last year 25 attended, 12 the Seminary and 13 the Proseminary.

While during the former years we could, with pleasure, report that diligence and deportment of students were good throughout, we must admit that this was not the case during the last year. It became our sad duty to dismiss one student for unsatisfactory deportment, and to take two others from the list of beneficiaries. May the Lord bless our efforts to educate ministers who are not only intelligent, but above all pious and godfearing Christians.

We, finally, call attention to the fact that the term of office of Rev. E. L. S. Tressel and of Mr. G. A. Brady, as members of the Board, has expired.

By order and in the name of the Seminary Board.

H. K. G. DOERMANN, *Sec'y.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

From F. J. Heer	\$ 2,650 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Prof. Doermann, salary	\$ 930 50
Prof. Tressel, salary in full	50 00
Prof. Patzer, salary	523 00
Boarding students	708 90
Insurance for three years	181 72
For cashing checks	5 60
Other expenses	164 09
House rent	90 00

Total	\$ 2,653 81
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Liabilities are about as follows:

House rent	\$ 18 00
Prof. Patzer, moving	105 00
Prof. Patzer, salary	327 00
Prof. Doermann, salary	1,000 00

	\$ 1,450 00
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L. C. HUFFMAN, *Treasurer.*

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN HOME, ALLEGHENY, PA.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

Two years ago Joint Synod accepted this institution as its own. They were years of trial and tribulation, but also of blessing and growth. At first it seemed as though there were no existing need for such an institution, and we would be compelled to send our deaconesses back to the mother-house for want of opportunity to employ their talents in an almost empty house. Whatever may have been the cause of this depressing situation, whether the anxious fears of the Board lest by receiving only the poor the institution should be unable to meet its obligations, or the well advised care in the reception of applicants, suffice it to say in the providence of God all this served for the further development of our work.

Our deaconesses, not having sufficient to do in the Home, sought to make themselves useful by visiting the poor and nursing the sick in the neighborhood. The need of a general hospital was a long felt want in that part of the city, and their skill and faithfulness as nurses being at once recognized by the physicians, the result was the erection and equipment of "St. John's General Hospital" on the grounds of the Home. At a cost of about \$20,000 the hospital was erected and furnished, being formally opened on the 12th of May, 1896. By the liberality of its friends the institution is almost free of debt and has since its opening received about one hundred patients.

Although St. John's Lutheran Home has a representation of four in the Hospital Board, yet Synod has assumed no financial responsibility in the erection of the hospital. The organization of this institution of Christian benevolence may be seen from the accompanying constitution.

As to St. John's Lutheran Home, we have every reason to praise the goodness of God. Although our house is long since filled yet we have never suffered want. The health of our old people was quite good. Two inmates voluntarily left the Home, two had to be dismissed, and three, as we hope, fell asleep in the Lord. At present there are ten inmates. There have been many applications for admission, but for want of room we have been compelled to give negative answers to many whom we would have gladly received. If the beneficent work of the Home is to be extended an addition to the building is an absolute necessity.

The condition of our finances may be seen from the accompanying Treasurer's Report. Of the appropriation of \$2,000 which Synod set apart

for this institution for the past two years, there were paid by the General Treasurer \$200, and \$266.38 were sent directly to the Home and by it reported to the General Treasurer. We have lived from the entrance fees and from other sources. But as these moneys should be reserved as an endowment fund we would ask for a renewal of the appropriation of \$1,000 per year for the support of the Home.

May the Lord, who thus far has blessed and upheld us, look down in mercy upon our work and continue to support it.

In the name of the Board,

H. J. SCHUH, *President.*

A. R. KULDELL, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand July 30, 1894.....	\$ 384 01
From the General Treasurer	200 00
Donations reported to the General Treasurer	266 38
Entrance fees	1,750 00
On deposit	539 57
Donation day	189 63
Anniversary day	172 53
Boarding	581 45
Contribution box	93 02
Note collected	500 00
Interest	40 00
Bequest	50 00
General receipts	40 96
Total	<u>\$ 4,807 55</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Household	\$ 1,465 00
Furniture	131 41
To the Mother House at Philadelphia ..	600 00
Traveling expenses	50 00
Repairs	263 99
Money refunded	692 00
Money loaned	500 00
Insurance	45 00
Funeral expenses	42 75
General expenses	616 27
	<u>\$ 4,406 42</u>

Balance on hand \$ 401 13

August 11, 1896.

J. H. HESPENHEIDE, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

a) We rejoice over and thank God for the prosperous condition of this institution. As to the erection of the hospital on the grounds of the Home, we cannot but draw the attention of Synod to the fact that the Board overstepped its authority in this matter. But since the work itself is of such a character that we can wish it a hearty God-speed, and since Synod thereby assumes no financial obligations whatever, we recommend that Synod ratify the action of the Board, with the distinct understanding however, that by so doing she establishes no precedent, and that the property rights of Synod are in no wise affected.

With reference to the enlargement of the buildings of the Home, we can recommend the same only on the condition that the necessary monies be raised by private contributions and without special effort in the Synod at large.

b) Regarding the Treasurer's report, we submit that we have compared the same with the accounts and find that the latter have been audited quarterly and found correct by a committee of the Board.

c) We also call attention to the fact that the term of office of Rev. Boehme and Mr. L. Glück has expired and that a successor will also have to be elected for the unexpired part of the term of Rev. Reidenbach (1898) he having resigned and the Board electing Rev. Kuldell to fill the vacancy up to this meeting.

WERNLE ORPHANS' HOME, RICHMOND, IND.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

In the name of the Board of the Wernle Orphans' Home of Richmond, Ind., the undersigned respectfully submits to the Joint Synod of Ohio and adjacent States the following report on the above institution, covering a period of two years, from July 1894 till August 1896.

Among the various works of love and mercy which Christian love and especially the church feel themselves constrained to exercise, the work of caring and providing for fatherless and motherless children takes a prominent place. With gratitude to God be it, therefore, acknowledged that our Synod also established an institution and during seventeen years supported the same by liberal contributions, in which the orphans within our Synodical boundaries find a home where their bodily and spiritual wants are provided for that they may be brought up as Christians and become good citizens. Although such an institution can never supply the loss of the Christian-parental home, yet the good influences and the many blessings proceeding from a well conducted home and received and enjoyed by the inmates of the same should not be underestimated. We, therefore, recommend our Orphans' Home for the future also to the special care of Synod.

Like all our institutions, our Orphans' Home also felt, to some extent at least, the financial pressure which in consequence of the prostration of business has been felt for the last two years all over the country and which at times also embarrassed our treasurer; yet our work has not been retarded and we never had reason to complain of actual want. The Lord did give the daily bread, granted health of body, averted dangers, and we enjoyed His goodness which endureth forever. Unto Him be all the praise.

Soon after the adjournment of Joint Synod two years ago, the Board of the Orphans' Home met and elected Rev. J. Vollmar of Michigan City, Ind., as housefather. He accepted the call, and on the first of December, 1894, assumed the duties of his office. But in February of the present year already, after conducting the affairs of the Home for fourteen months, he resigned, having accepted a call to the pastorate of Zion's Church of Chattanooga, Mercer county, Ohio. The Board called G. Maier, formerly teacher of St. John's school, Richmond, Ind., as his successor, who took charge of the Home on March the first, 1896. The many and sudden changes in the management of the institution could not be otherwise than detrimental to the interest of the same, and it is to be hoped that a change in this respect may not take place so soon again, inasmuch as the management of the Home is in the hands of a competent man.

An important change was made regarding the Orphans' Home school. In view of the decreased number of scholars the Board deemed it necessary to make the school a one class school to be placed under the management of one teacher. Consequently Miss Greiner, the lady teacher, and teacher J. Zinsser were dismissed, and in their stead teacher H. C. Schmidt, of Michigan City, Ind., was called, who took charge of the school in the latter part of May, 1895. There are at present 64 children attending the school, 39 boys and 25 girls. The branches of study are the same as taught in our parochial schools, viz. German, English, Arithmetic, Geography, United States History, Reading, Writing, Catechism, Biblical History and Drawing.

On the 1st of July, 1894, there were 97 children in the institution, 56 boys and 41 girls; at the present time 69 only, 42 boys and 27 girls. During the last two years 22 children have been received into the Home. On Palm Sunday, 1895, 23 were confirmed, 11 boys and 12 girls; 1896, seven were confirmed, four boys and three girls.

The sanitary condition of the Home was good, but one death having occurred, that of a girl at the age of seven years. The conduct both of children and adults was satisfactory.

In the building arrangements have been made for two sick-rooms, and the same were furnished in a suitable manner. In the hall and in one of the rooms a new floor was laid; the whole house was papered; the building was painted and furnished with a fire-escape. All the buildings are at present in a tolerably good condition.

Regarding the financial affairs of the institution I refer to the treasurer's report. I also call the attention of Synod to a resolution adopted by the Board on the 5th of November, 1895, viz.: "That we, the Board of the Wernle Orphans' Home, request the Joint Synod at its next meeting, that all the money collected and sent in for the Orphans' Home shall be credited and applied to the same, and that the institution be made independent of the general treasury."

Persons employed in the institution are: One farm hand with four confirmed boys to assist him, one cook, one seamstress, 13 confirmed girls to assist in general housework. Four of the servants receive wages.

Our live-stock consists of four horses, eight cows, two calves, 22 pigs, and quite a number of chickens. We cultivated 12 acres of wheat, 22 acres of corn, 1½ acres of sorghum, two acres of beans, 20 tons of hay, etc.

The revised constitution of the Wernle Orphans' Home is to be ratified and adopted by Synod at its present meeting. Before this is done, however, it would be advisable to reconsider c) of Section 1 and a) of Section 2, in Article V.

Synod has also to elect two members of the Board at this meeting, as the term of H. Koetter, of Richmond, Ind., and the undersigned has expired.

May the blessing of God continue to rest on our Orphans' Home, and may the exercise of Christian love and mercy towards the poor orphans continue in our congregations.

G. H. TREBEL, *President.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Richmond, Ind., August 27, 1896.

To the honorable body of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio and other States assembled: I herewith hand you my annual report for the past two years, from August 18, 1894, to August 27, 1896. The Constitution does not require a report from me at this time, nevertheless I deem it my duty to submit same to you; believing much good will be derived from you and the members of your congregations by keeping you from time to time thoroughly acquainted with the treasury and financial affairs of your worthy institution.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand August 18.....	\$138 27
Total receipts from F. J. Heer.....	\$ 1,200 00
Loaned	500 00
Donations	73 24
Total receipts from Rev. J. Beck	17,094 36
	\$ 18,867 60
	\$ 19,005 87

DISBURSEMENTS.

Total expenditures from August 18, 1894, to August 27, 1896... \$ 18,703 20

Balance on hand August 27, 1896..... \$ 302 67

I beg to state that the total receipts as above, \$19,005.87, was not received entirely from Synod, but in case of emergencies \$3,900.00 was borrowed from the banks, leaving total receipts from Synod and friends, \$15,105.87. The \$3,900.00 has been paid to bank again from time to time and added in disbursements—\$18,703.20—accounted for as follows:

Paid on loan from bank.....	\$ 3,900 00
Paid interest, all bills payable.....	456 84
Individual notes cancelled.....	384 00
	\$ 4,740 84

Leaving total for maintenance of Home expended.....	\$ 13,962 36
The liabilities of the Home August 18, 1894 were.....	\$ 3,800 00
The liabilities of the Home August 27, 1896, are.....	3,416 00

Net gain for the two years.....	\$ 384 00
Total receipts since establishment of Home.....	\$ 122,616 67
Total expenditures since establishment of Home.....	122,314 00

Balance on hand..... \$ 302 67

There is also one note of \$500.00 donated to the Home, of which the principal cannot be used; but interest of said note must be expended for

the orphans' enjoyment on Christmas Day. This \$500.00 is loaned out at 6 per cent. interest. Respectfully,

HENRY CUTTER, *Treasurer.*

The following is the statement of the treasury from August 18, 1894, to September 3, 1896, of the Wernle Orphans' Home:

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand August 18, 1894.....	\$ 138 27
Received of F. J. Heer, General Treasurer.....	10,602 75
Credits per church papers.....	1,764 34
Net profits Wernle Days.....	1,448 35
Requests.....	350 00
Received by donations, wages, sale of produce, etc..	802 16
Borrowed on notes.....	3,900 00
	\$ 19,005 87
Paid to Treasurer Cutter.....	\$ 19,005 87
Of this sum we borrowed and refunded.....	3,900 00
Actual receipts.....	\$ 15,105 87
Of this paid on debt.....	\$ 884 00
Of this paid interest.....	346 84
	1,230 84
	\$ 13,875 03
Paid out by orders on the Treasurer.....	13,572 36
In treasury.....	\$ 302 67

The office of Financial Secretary is a creature of the New Constitution which governs the Home, and the undersigned was elected to the position in November, 1894, some three months after the beginning of the Synodical year, and hence, cannot give an itemized account of the disbursements. The statement of receipts was made difficult by different parties being the recipients of monies. The office can do better service in the coming years. Respectfully,

J. BECK, *Financial Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

a) The Board of this institution in its report submits to Synod the following request: "That we, the Board of the Wernle Orphans' Home, request the Joint Synod at its next meeting, that all money collected and sent in for the Orphans' Home shall

be credited and applied to the same, and that the institution be made independent of the general treasury." Your committee cannot recommend the granting of this request, but suggest that when the Christmas collection is announced it be stated that the collection is held for the institution treasury in the interest of the Orphans' Home, which draws its support from this treasury.

b) With reference to the revised constitution, we recommend its adoption including the paragraphs specially mentioned in the report.

c) We are sorry that the reports of the Treasurer and Financial Secretary were not submitted in printed form as required by resolution of Synod. We have examined these reports and find that the books have been audited and approved by a committee of the Board every three months. We recommend that the reports be printed in the Minutes.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME

After the adoption of the above report, the Hon. President made a few remarks pertaining to the sending of children to the Orphans' Home. Among other things he said that it is no honor for us that we *must* have an Orphans' Home, and instead of increasing the number at our Orphans' Home, we ought rather diminish it, and wherever possible secure a home for orphan children in a private Christian family in the congregation. An Orphan Home may be an ideal institution, still children can be better cared for in a private Christian family. Let pastors and people not forget this.

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LUTHERAN BOOK CONCERN.

REPORT OF PUBLICATION BOARD.

Dear Brethren:—During the two years since the last meeting of Synod, the publication interests of Synod have steadily progressed, both in the amount of work done and profits, and in the better management of the Concern. The net profits may not have come up to the expectation of Synod, but it should be remembered that the Concern still carries a heavy debt and for this reason already, aside from the slow trade on account of the hard times, the net profits must increase slowly from year to year. The Board is ready to acknowledge past mistakes and weaknesses on its part, yet, in justification, it may also be said that the task before it is a difficult one, both on account of the complex nature of the work and the manifold interests at stake, and also on account of the great variety of minds and tastes expecting to be gratified. We have labored, as we feel, faithfully for the welfare of Synod, nor did we become impatient under adverse criticism. But, "not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory" for Thy guidance and blessing.

1. The brethren elected to this Board at the last convention of Synod together with those holding over met yet during the same convention and organized by electing Rev. D. Simon as chairman, the undersigned as secretary and Profs. Stellinghorn and J. H. Spielman with C. W. Linsenmann as executive committee. At the April meeting of 1895 C. W. Linsenmann, having removed to Richmond, Ind., resigned as member of the executive committee, the distance from Columbus making it impracticable for him to act on this committee. Mr. C. R. Martens was appointed in his stead. At the same meeting Dr. Loy handed in his resignation as editor of the Columbus Theological Magazine. The Board hesitated to accept the resignation. Finally the matter was adjusted by placing the editing of the magazine in the hands of the Theological faculty with Dr. Schodde as managing editor. No other changes occurred during the biennium in the editorship of Synod's periodicals, neither in the management of the Concern, nor in the personnel of the Board.

2. At the October meeting of 1894 the salary of Mr. Heer was raised from \$1,000 to \$1,200 per annum. See page 44 of the Board's minutes for further information. Also, at the July meeting of 1895 the salary of Dr. Martens was raised from \$700 to \$800 per annum to begin with the first of January, 1896. See minutes pages 61 and 63.

3. At the meeting of October the 22d, 1894, the Board resolved to establish an electrotype foundry. This was accordingly done during the next six months. The reasons for taking this step were 1) to cut off

a large annual expense for electrotyping; 2) to save our own type; 3) to net some profits by electrotyping for others. The Board was convinced that the profits of the plant would far exceed the interest on the borrowed capital necessary to its erection. The work done since the plant is in operation also shows that in so far, at least, we have not been disappointed in our expectation. It may be urged that the Board transcended its limits in this move, but, however that may be, we feel that time will attest the wisdom of its course. The erection of the plant was placed in the hands of the manager, Mr. Heer and the executive committee. The estimated cost was \$2,200, while the actual cost, exceeding as usual the original estimate, was \$3,700.

4. During the past year the system of bookkeeping has been simplified and made more satisfactory. See pages 69 and 70 for further information on this point.

5. Through correspondence by Prof. Stellhorn arrangements have been made with the firm of Dörffling and Franke, Leipzig, Germany, for the importation of German theological books at the lowest rates. It is hoped that this branch of our business will receive all the encouragement it deserves.

6. Several changes were made in the lesson helps for English Sunday schools. 1) The *Teachers' Quarterly* was changed into the *Teachers' Annual*. This was done, both to give the teacher more help at about the same cost, and also to give this help in a more permanent form, so that it could be utilized in the future. 2) A little leaf called the *Primary Lesson Paper* is being published during this year on trial. This was done at the urgent request of many schools. The leaf consists of four pages, the first being illustrated, appears monthly, one however for each Sunday of the month, and costs 9 cents per hundred.

7. The *Manual for Synod*, to be prepared by Rev. Boehme, and the *Popular Exposition of the Augsburg Confession*, by Dr. Loy, have not yet appeared, for want of MSS. As to the *Manual of Synod* it is not possible to publish it, at least in a complete form, until Synod has fully adopted its constitution and by-laws and those of its Boards. As to the *Exposition of the Augsburg Confession*, it might be well for Synod to express itself more forcibly as to whether this work is generally desired, in order that it may either be published or dropped entirely. Concerning the *History of Synod*, which has also not yet appeared, it is the opinion of the Board that Dr. Loy should be urged to prepare this work on account of his experience and knowledge of Synod's history and position. Dr. Loy's work on the Ministry will appear in a new edition in the near future. The English Liturgy has been published.

8. The matter of issuing non-interest bearing bonds to cover the indebtedness of the Book Concern was duly considered at a number of meetings in accordance with the resolution of Synod two years ago. But the project was deemed impracticable and was therefore not undertaken.

9. The question may arise in connection with this report as to what has become of the sinking fund which was created at the convention of

1890, viz. that \$3,000 be set aside annually from the earnings of the Book Concern to cover the expense of the new building. It may be said in reply that it was policy to have such a sinking fund only so long as the Concern was free of debt, but since this is no longer the case, a debt having been incurred by the erection of the new building and by the purchase of machinery, all profits, above the necessary increase of stock, should be applied directly to the liquidation of that debt.

10. During the last year special efforts were made to enter into some arrangement with the publishing houses of the Norwegian, Iowa, and Augustana Synods in the West with the view of introducing our English publications. With what success can, of course, not be foreseen.

11. The Board submits the question whether it is not time for Synod to make a more satisfactory arrangement for the editing of its periodicals, especially the *Kirchenzeitung* and *Standard*, i. e. that the editors of these papers be so situated that they can devote more time to this work than is possible while occupying a large pastoral field or a professorship in the college and seminary.

12. Synod is reminded that the statutes of the Publication Board have not yet all been adopted, viz. from Art. V., B. 1 on to the end.

13. The term of office of the following members of the Board expires with this convention of Synod and their successors are to be elected for six years each, viz. Rev. H. Sutter, Mr. C. R. Martens, and the undersigned. Concerning the manager the Board suggests that he be elected to serve as long as he gives satisfaction.

14. The following is the list of publications that were issued during the past two years:

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS.

- 2000 Narratives on the Catechism.
- 1500 Evangelien Geschichten.
- 4000 German Christmas Liturgies.
- 4000 English Christmas Liturgies.
- 4000 English Almanacs 1895.
- 13000 German Almanacs 1895.
- 500 German-English Catechisms.
- 2000 What is a Lutheran?
- Aunt Esther (Christmas Book).
- 3200 English Catechisms.
- 3500 Psalterlust.
- 750 Kinderlust 1895.
- 1600 The means of Grace.
- 2000 Enchiridion.
- 2000 Children's Day Exercises (English).
- 3000 Children's Day Exercises (German).
- 2000 Sunday School Hymnals.
- 1500 Biblische Geschichten für Oberklassen.
- 3000 Erstes Lesebuch.

- 1000 Schulharfe.
- 1000 Biblische Frauenbilder.
- 5000 Catechisms.
- 500 Liturgies (Pocket Edition).
- 2000 English Christmas Services.
- 13000 German Almanacs, 1896.
- 5000 English Almanacs, 1896.
- 1750 Life and Labors of Christian Schwartz.
- 800 Annual Helper to Lesson Leaves, 1896.
- 6000 Lesson Leaves, monthly.
- 3000 Primary Lesson Leaves.
- 1000 German Class Books.
- 1750 Kinderlust, 1896.
- 6000 Fibel.
- 1000 Class Books, English.
- 1000 Huebners Biblische Geschichten.
- 4500 English Children's Day Liturgies.
- 500 Pocket Liturgies, English and German.
- 5000 Sunday School Hymnals.
- 1000 The Christian Church, by Prof. M. Loy, D. D. (1st edition).
- 1000 Teachers' Helpers, 1896.

15. With this report the Board also respectfully submits to Synod the minutes of all its proceedings, together with the annual reports of the manager.

Respectfully,

J. SHEATSLEY, *Secretary.*

Delaware, O., August 8, 1896.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT OF LUTH. BOOK CONCERN,

ON APRIL 1, 1895, BEFORE CLOSING THE ACCOUNT OF THE YEAR.

DEBIT.

Book department	\$ 24,988 26
Printing department	12,202 17
Bindery department	1,891 73
Electrotype foundry	580 94
Real estate	40,600 13
Machinery (including electrotype machinery)	25,671 55
Furniture and Fixtures	422 00
Notes receivable \$	2,782 06
Certificate of stock	40 00
Ohio Savings Bank	111 95
Cash on hand	124 56
Interest	3,020 89

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General expense.....	\$ 2,769 83
Taxes	953 57
Fire insurance	217 08
Coal	620 67
Telephone	45 60
Water supply	50 31

Periodicals—

Lutheran Standard	\$ 365 28
Theologische Zeitblätter	107 70
Theological Magazine	107 38
Little Missionary	213 33
Kinderfreude	53
Lesson Leaves	60 20
Teachers' Quarterly	11 71
Individual debtors	16,090 66

Total \$ 134,058 49

CREDIT.

Capital stock	\$ 61,547 23
Mortgage note	6,500 00
Note for machinery	1,027 65
Notes for loans*	55,155 85
Press department	899 65
Discount	169 43
Rent	89 68

Periodicals—

Lutherische Kirchenzeitung	\$ 1,754 19
Child's Paper	83 59
Kinderlust	46 55
Individual Creditors	6,784 67

Total \$ 134,058 49

In above *Notes for loans there are included \$2,000.00 for which we gave our note, but the money was turned over to F. J. Heer, General Treasurer of Joint Synod, who gave us his note for it, which is included in above amount \$ 2,782.06 Bills receivable. The amount of indebtedness is therefore \$2,000.00 less than \$55,155.85 Notes for loans.

PROFIT AND LOSS OF THE LUTH. BOOK CONCERN

FOR THE YEAR FROM APRIL 1, 1894, TO APRIL 1, 1895.

Dr.

Book department, balance of account	\$ 24,988 26
Printing department, balance of account	12,202 17
Bindery department, balance of account	1,891 73

Electrotype foundry, balance of account.....	\$ 580 94
Machinery department, balance of account	25,671 55
Interest	3,020 89
General expense	2,769 83
Taxes	953 57
Fire insurance	217 08
Coal	620 67
Telephone	45 60
Water supply	50 31
Periodicals	865 53
Balance to carry to Cap. account	639 93
Balance to carry to Cap. account	782 00

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Book department, invoice	\$ 29,541 05
Printing department, invoice	14,448 41
Bindery department, invoice	3,282 52
Electrotype foundry, invoice	267 25
Press department, invoice	278 84
Press department, balance of account	899 65
Machinery account, invoice	24,438 90
Discount	169 43
Rent	89 68
Periodicals	1,884 33

\$ 75,300 06

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT OF LUTH. BOOK CONCERN

APRIL 1, 1895, AFTER CLOSING THE ACCOUNT FOR 1894-95.

Book department, invoice	\$ 29,541 05
Printing department, invoice	14,448 41
Bindery department, invoice	3,282 52
Press department, invoice	278 84
Electrotype foundry, invoice	267 25
Machinery, invoice	24,438 90
Furniture and fixtures, invoice	422 00
Notes receivable	2,782 06
Certificate of stock	40 00
Ohio Savings Bank	111 95
Cash on hand	124 56
Individual debtors on account	16,090 66
Real estate account	40,609 13

\$ 132,437 33

Capital account	\$ 61,547 23
Carried from profit and loss	1,521 93
Mortgage note	6,500 00
Note for machinery	1,027 65
Notes for loans	55,155 85
Individual creditors on account	6,784 67
	\$ 132,437 33

SUMMARY.**DEBIT.****Book Department—**

Invoice April 1, 1894	\$ 28,289 09
Invoice April 1, 1895	29,541 05

CREDIT.

Goods sold for 1894-95	\$ 18,497 36
Goods bought and wages charged.....	15,196 53

Credit balance on account	\$ 3,800 83
Increase in invoice	1,251 96

Gain to be carried to profit and loss account, Cr.. \$ 4,552 79

DEBIT.**Printing Department—**

Invoice April 1, 1894	10,803 67
Invoice April 1, 1895	14,448 41

CREDIT.

Wages paid and material bought	\$ 26,102 59
Work done	24,704 09

Dr. balance	\$ 1,398 50
Increase in invoice	3,644 74

To be carried to profit and loss account, Cr..... \$ 2,246 24

DEBIT.**Bindery account—**

Invoice April 1, 1894	3,143 29
Invoice April 1, 1895	3,282 52

CREDIT.

Work done	\$ 10,620 52
Wages and material	9,368 96
Cr. balance	\$ 1,251 56
Increase in invoice	139 23
Carried to credit of profit and loss.....	\$ 1,390 79

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Publication:

Gentlemen:—Your committee has compared the enclosed statements of accounts and balance sheet of the Agent, with the Ledger of the Book Concern, and find the statements correct as submitted.

We would recommend that the balance sheet after the next annual invoice include a statement of the total expenditures and gross profits, in addition to the exhibits as heretofore made.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SPIELMAN,
C. R. MARTENS,
Auditing Committee.

June 13, 1895.

MANAGER'S REPORT.

To the Publication Board:

Columbus, O., April 20, 1895.

The past year has been the most trying year as regards finances since the Book Concern has been established, and yet, all things considered, we have had remarkable success, so that we have increased our indebtedness but very little so far as loans are concerned. As our yearly report will show we have added very materially to our capital stock, so that now we are in shape to do any kind of work on very short notice.

The Electrotpe Foundry, concerning which we reported a year ago has been on a paying basis from the beginning. A great deal of outside work from other counties has aided in the success of this new department.

We have attended all the larger districts, and with the noble assistance of President Prof. Schnette, the matter of collections was very fully discussed and resolutions adopted which we think will have very good effect in the future.

In conclusion, we state that when times brighten, our heavy expenses being over, we will be enabled very soon to reduce our debt-

We have been very careful to have our money borrowed on time from members of the Church.

I herewith extend thanks to the Hon. Publication Board and President Schuette who have so nobly stood by me in these trying times, for their valuable assistance.

J. L. TRAUGER, *Manager*.

STATEMENT OF LEDGER.

AT END OF YEAR, MARCH 31, 1896.

DEBIT.

Bills receivable	\$ 26,836 13
Notes receivable	1,911 67
Real estate	41,158 59
Machinery	24,499 76
Furniture and fixtures	422 00
Stock certificates	40 00
Book department	26,662 65
Printing department	9,143 86
Balance in bank	697 67
Cash	284 95
Gen. expense	2,477 37
Insurance	317 10
Interest	3,690 45
Discount	38 45
Water (deposit \$10.00)	101 84
Gas	395 10
Coal	761 14
Telephone	67 05
Standard	644 83
Theological Magazine	114 73
Theologische Zeitblätter	84 40
Child's Paper	67 48
Little Missionary	76 36
	\$ 140,543 58

CREDIT.

Bills payable	\$ 8,832 60
Notes payable—Mortgage note	6,500 00
Notes payable—O. Savings Bank, etc ...	3,400 00
Notes payable—Loans from individuals .	54,805 85
Press room	1,338 98
Bindery	68 87
Electro. Department	126 92

Capital	62,969 16
Rent	144 00
Advertising	128 35
Kirchenzeitung	1,802 18
Kinderfreude	2 17
Lesson Leaves	225 36
Teachers' Helper	122 64
Primary Lesson Leaf	13 81
Kinderlust	1 90
Undistributed balance for year ending April 1, 1895	70 79
	\$ 140,543 58

**STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS,
BEFORE DISTRIBUTING GENERAL EXPENSES.**

BOOK DEPARTMENT.

Receipts	\$ 20,821 47
Expenditures	17,943 07
Gain	\$ 2,878 40
Invoice April 1, 1896	\$ 30,990 37
Invoice April 1, 1895	29,541 05
Gain	1,449 32
Total gain	\$ 4,327 72

PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

Receipts	\$ 40,305 42
Expenditures	35,000 87
Gain	\$ 5,304 55
Invoice April 1, 1896	16,116 06
Invoice April 1, 1895	14,448 41
Gain	1,667 65
Total gain	\$ 6,972 20

PRESS DEPARTMENT.

Receipts	\$ 6,098 53
Expenditures	4,480 71
Gain	\$ 1,617 82

Invoice April 1, 1896	\$ 176 00	
Invoice April 1, 1895.....	278 84	
Loss		\$ 102 84
Gain		\$ 1,514 98

ELECTRO. DEPARTMENT.

Receipts	\$ 3,830 09	
Expenditures	3,435 92	
Gain		\$ 394 17
Invoice April 1, 1896	278 27	
Invoice April 1, 1895	267 25	
Gain		\$ 11 02
Total gain		\$ 405 19

BINDERY.

Receipts	\$ 14,805 49	
Expenditures	11,454 10	
Gain		\$ 3,351 39
Invoice April 1, 1896	3,278 42	
Invoice April 1, 1895	3,282 52	
Loss		\$ 4 10
Gain		\$ 3,347 29

OTHER EXPENDITURES.

General expense	\$ 2,477 37	
Insurance	317 10	
Interest	3,690 45	
Discount	38 45	
Water	91 84	
Gas	395 10	
Coal	761 14	
Telephone	67 05	
Total		\$ 7,838 50

DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS.

Book department	\$ 1,990 00
Printing department	3,098 50

Press department	500 00
Electro. Dept.	\$ 250 00
Bindery	2,000 00
Total	<u>\$ 7,898 50</u>

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS.

AFTER DISTRIBUTING GENERAL EXPENSES.

Book department—	
Gross profit	\$ 4,327 72
Gen. expense	1,990 00
Net gain.....	<u>\$ 2,337 72</u>
Printing department—	
Gross profit	\$ 3,972 20
Gen. expense	3,098 50
Net gain	<u>3,873 70</u>
Press department—	
Gross profit	\$ 1,514 98
Gen. expense	500 00
Net gain	<u>1,014 98</u>
Electro. department—	
Gross profit	\$ 405 19
Gen. expense	250 00
Net gain	<u>155 19</u>
Bindery—	
Gross profit	\$ 3,347 29
Gen. expense	2,000 00
Net gain	<u>1,347 29</u>
Machinery—	
Invoice 1896	\$ 24,499 76
Invoice 1895	24,438 90
Net gain.....	<u>60 86</u>

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Real estate—

Value 1896	\$ 41,158 59
Value 1895	40,609 13

Net gain	549 46
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Rent, net gain	144 00
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Periodicals

Kirchenzeitung	\$ 1,802 18
Kinderfreude	2 17
Kinderlust	1 90
Lesson Leaf	225 36
Teachers' Helper	122 64
Primary Lesson Leaf	13 81
Advertising	128 35

Gain	\$ 2,296 41
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Standard	\$ 644 83
Theological Magazine	114 73
Theologische Zeitblätter ..	84 40
Child's Paper	67 48
Little Missionary	76 36

Loss	987 80
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Net gain	\$ 1,308 61
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Total profit	\$ 10,791 81
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Undistributed profit for preceding year	70 79
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	\$ 10,862 60
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Profit to increase of machinery account.	\$ 60 86
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Profit to increase of real estate account .	549 46
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Profit to increase of capital account	10,252 28
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	\$ 10,862 60
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STATEMENT OF LEDGER.

BEGINNING OF YEAR, APRIL 1, 1895.

DEBIT.

Mdse. account	\$ 50,899 12
Machinery	24,499 76
Real estate	41,158 50

Furniture and fixtures	422 00	
Stock	40 00	
Water works (deposit)	10 00	
Balance in bank	697 67	
Cash	\$ 284 95	
*Bills receivable	26,886 13	
Notes receivable	1,911 67	
		\$146,749 89

CREDIT.

Capital account	\$ 73,221 44	
Bills payable	8,822 60	
Notes payable	64,705 85	
		\$ 146,749 89

To the Publication Board of Joint Synod of Ohio:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned met on the above date and audited the report of the manager of our Book Concern for the year ending March 31, 1896, and found the same correct in every detail.

We beg leave to say here that the report as submitted reflects great credit on the management and on the present system of book-keeping.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. MARTENS,
GEO. K. LEONARD,
Committee.

*About \$14,000 due from business men.

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS AND PERIODICALS.

We would submit the following:

1. It gives us pleasure to note, as it appears from the report of the Publication Board, that commendable progress has been made in matters pertaining to our publications.
2. As regards the establishment of the electrotpe foundry (item 3 of the report), we are of the opinion that in this matter the Board superseded the limits of its authority, and therefore move to insist that the Board should not in future act arbitrarily in such enterprises.
3. That through correspondence by Prof. Stelthorn ar-

rangements have been made with one of the leading firms of Germany for the importation of German theological books at the lowest rates, is most commendable, and we move that both the pastors and congregations of Synod be urged to embrace this advantage and give our own Book Concern the benefit of their orders.

4. With reference to the 7th item of the report we move that in our present straitened circumstances the Board be requested to proceed slowly in the publishing of expensive books; but we are nevertheless of the opinion that Dr. Loy should be urgently requested to complete the History of Synod as soon as possible.

5. Respecting our periodicals, *Kirchenseitung* and *Standard*, we submit the following:

a) In our judgment it would not be wise at the present time to make a radical change in the arrangements for editing the same; b) We move that the present editors of our different periodicals be reappointed and requested to continue their services during the next biennium.

6. We agree with the sentiment expressed by the worthy President in his report that the time has arrived for us to call a halt, for the present, upon all further extension of our Book Concern and move that this be done.

7. In accordance with item 12 of the report we move that Synod now proceed to complete the discussion and adoption of the statutes of the Publication Board.

8. With respect to "local periodicals" or parish papers which the worthy President calls in question in the 4th paragraph of his report, it is our conviction that only such are justified within the bounds of Synod as pursue purely local purposes which cannot be met by the periodicals of Synod.

9. Synod is reminded that the term of office of the following members of the Board has expired, and their successors are to be elected for six years each, viz.: Revs. H. Sutter, J. Sheatsley and Mr. C. R. Martens.

10. Finally, we move that the report of the Publication Board be incorporated in the printed Minutes, and that the hearty thanks of Synod be extended to the members of the same for their faithfulness in the discharge of their office.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON PUBLICATION MATTERS.

In accordance with the suggestion of the sub-committee in item 7, Synod proceeded to complete the discussion and adoption of the Statutes of the Publication Board, beginning with Art. V. B. 1. (see Minutes of '92, page 48). The addition to B. 1., before Synod two years ago, was changed so that it now reads: "All other publications not ordered by Joint Synod need not be examined by said committee, yet caution must be used that nothing go forth from our Book Concern of an offensive or objectionable character." To Art. VI. 7. the following clause was added: "When not determined by Synod." The remaining statutes were adopted without change.

Resolved, That the General President be added to the committee on revision.

HOME MISSIONS.

SIXTH BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD.

Highly Esteemed President and Dear Brethren of the Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States:

Herewith we present to you the sixth biennial report to the Joint Synod and at the same time the first to the Delegate Synod. The past two years were a type of the experience of the church militant in general. The gates of hell were ever open to destroy both by guile and by might, but the mightier hand of our King protected His bride.

While the continuing hard times prevented the Board from undertaking some very important work which offered itself, they also served, on the one hand, to purge our missions, putting them on a better spiritual footing, while, on the other hand, the older congregations were exercised in the grace of giving. In view of this, we have reason to give thanks in everything.

For all success, let God alone be praised, for all shortcomings, we ask the indulgence of the brethren and the pardon of our God.

The following is a summary of the work done during the past two years:

Meetings held.—The Board met in extra and regular sessions forty-six times.

Places visited by one of the members of the Board are as follows: Chicago, Cleveland, Piqua, Youngstown, Martin's Ferry, Pleasant Plains, Gettysburg, O.; St. Peter's, Columbus; North Tonawanda, Detroit. Besides this the Honorable General President, when visiting the Texas District, the Washington District, the Wisconsin District and the Minnesota District, acted in the interests of the Board and by its request.

New Places.—The following places were entered on our list as new missions, although a goodly number of them were at one time self-supporting congregations: Sandusky, O.; Wyandotte, Mich.; Washington, D. C.; Princeton, Minn.; a part of the Davenport, Wash., charge; Cameron, Idaho; Spofford, Minn.; Beaver Creek, Ore.; Spring Hill, Pa.; Avalon, Pa.; Chicago, Ill.; Youngstown, O.; Good Thunder, Minn.; La Mars, Ia.; Cleveland, O.; Goldendale, Wash.; Birnamwood, Wis.; Cedar Lake, Minn.; Detroit, Mich.; Pleasant Plains, O.; Canton, O.; Germania, Ia.; Martin's Ferry, O.; Portage county, Wis.; La Paz, Ind.; Wesley, Ia.

The following is a list of changes made and calls accepted:—Rev. P. S. Swinehart removed from Piqua, O., to Sandusky, O.; Rev. J. F. Doescher from Houston, Tex., to Kingsbury, Tex., and from here to Westfield,

Tex.; Rev. P. G. Bergener from Marion, Ind., to St. Peter's, Columbus, O.; Rev. J. C. Schacht was called to Marion, Ind.; Rev. G. Woestenberg removed from Spokane, Wash., to Detroit, Mich.; Rev. John Doescher from Stratton, Neb., to Wyandotte, Mich.; Rev. T. F. Reitz was called away from Charleston, W. Va., while Candidate H. C. G. Schmidt was called to this city. Rev. P. Groschupf removed from Cameron, Idaho, to Spokane, Wash.; Rev. P. F. Hein was called to South Chicago, Ill.; Rev. A. C. Ernst from Orting, Wash., to Washington Heights, Ill. Candidate Krumm was called to Piqua, O.; Rev. A. F. Gillman removed from Walla Walla, Wash., to Ritzville, Wash.; Rev. S. H. Mollenauer from Davenport, Wash., to Spokane, Wash.; Rev. W. Kibler from Greensborough, N. C., to Youngstown, O.; Rev. Ad. Eberle was called to Walla Walla, Wash.; Rev. G. Bachman to Cleveland, O.; Candidate Oelschlaeger was called to Martin's Ferry; Candidate Stellhorn to Mingo Junction and Steubenville, O.

The list of self-supporting congregations since '94 is short, viz. Charleston, W. Va., since June, 1895; St. Mark's, Columbus, O., since January, 1896; Richmond, Ind., since July, 1896; Cameron, Idaho, since July, 1896.

In the following cases the support was decreased: Tescott, Kan.; Peninsular, Ore.; Walla Walla, Wash.; Ritzville, Wash.; St. Peter's, Columbus, O.; Gute Hoffnung congregation at Detroit; Christ congregation, Detroit.

The work of the Traveling Missionaries.—The oldest field in which work is being done is in Northwestern Kansas and a part of Nebraska. The field is quite large. Much time and money have already been expended on it, but so far the visible fruits are very meager. This is, no doubt, due to the failure in crops which has visited that country for several successive years. The question is asked elsewhere: What shall be done with this field? The work is quite expensive.

The next field in which a traveling missionary has been employed is Texas. Here Rev. J. F. Doescher has labored with success since 1892. The Texas District, at its last meeting, discussed a proposition and presented it to the Board. Seeing, however, that the Honorable Joint Synod virtually created the office of traveling missionary in Texas, the Board did not consider itself empowered to abolish the same as requested by the Texas District, although the money voted this field has been differently distributed. Hence we submit the matter in a written communication to Synod.

The last field occupied by a traveling missionary is found in Wisconsin. Rev. Ludwig Schneider was called to this field by the Wisconsin District and also supported by the same for some time. Later on, he was placed on the list of our missionaries. His labors seem to be very richly blessed.

The Building Fund.—This important auxiliary has grown some, as can be seen from the treasurer's report. The old difficulty still exists, viz. the congregations which have been aided are, in many instances, so

very slow in refunding the money. Thus a comparative few insist upon enjoying what is intended for many. There are petitions for help from this fund in the hands of the Board amounting to *ten thousand dollars*.

While speaking of our successes, we do not forget that we have experienced some retrogressions. The work in Greensborough, N. C., had to be discontinued, owing to a dislike on the part of the people to Joint Synod practices. The mission on Spring Hill, Pa., a suburb of Allegheny, has contracted itself into a Sunday school. Keyser, W. Va., and other points served in connection therewith, is not at present occupied. Owing to the severe drought and consequent poverty in parts of Kansas and Nebraska, the Stratton, Neb., charge was temporarily united with the field of our traveling missionary in Kansas. The mission at Hazel Park, Minn., is doing nothing.

It becomes our duty to report two cases of disloyalty. One occurred in Tacoma, Washington. In 1894, the two congregations formerly served by Rev. A. Krause, took it into their own hands to supply themselves with a pastor. Accordingly they called Rev. F. N. Wolf. Under his directions, they united the two congregations into one, built a new church, looting the old ones to furnish the new, and then applied to the Mission Board for support for their pastor. The Board, following the rule laid down in the meanwhile by Joint Synod, referred the application to the officers of the Washington District, and informed the people of this. The reply received was the announcement of the withdrawal of Rev. Wolf from Synod. Since by the manipulation practiced in the reorganization the two Synodical congregations had been disbanded and one congregation not belonging to Synod had been formed, the Board could do nothing. By this action the Building Fund is apt to lose several hundred dollars.

In the spring of 1896, matters at Oregon City, Or., assumed such a shape that it became necessary to ask for an investigation. After a long and unedifying wrangle, Rev. L. Grey left our Synod, not, however, before he had induced the congregations at Molalla and Macksburg as well as a part of the congregation at Oregon City to withdraw from Synod. We lose a good field in this wise. By the wiles of this same man The Dalles, Oregon, and a large tributary field has been taken away from us.

A Few Questions.—What of the plan proposed by the Texas District, touching the abolishing of a traveling missionary for that District?

What of the traveling missionary for the Kansas District?

Does Synod approve of carrying on missions in isolated and discouraging places, such as Monrovia, California?

What shall be done in those cases where congregations do not pay back the money borrowed by them from the Building Fund? What shall especially be done in the case of the Lima, Ohio, congregation, which has money collected to carry on a lawsuit, promising to pay it back into the Building Fund, but has not done anything as yet?

Could Synod not arrange that our Publication Board would annually issue for free distribution a pamphlet or circular on some missionary topic?

What of the large number of congregations not yet belonging to Synod, although they draw support from the mission treasury?

What is the advice of Synod in regard to the English work at Spokane, Washington? Written documents are submitted.

The election of two members becomes necessary, seeing that the time of office of Rev. J. Beck and Prof. K. Hemminghaus expires with this meeting of Synod.

Reports.—Instead of preparing a table, we submit the reports as they have been sent in by the majority of our missionaries.

C. H. ROHE, *President*.
J. H. SCHNEIDER, *Secretary*.
J. BECK, *Treasurer*.
PH. SCHMIDT.
K. HEMMINGHAUS.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Contributions	\$ 18,436 37
Borrowed	793 34
Total	\$ 19,229 71
Paid out	19,294 82
Overdrawn	\$ 65 11

The following salaries of missionaries and other debts of the Board have been paid during the past two years:

Salaries—

1. Rev. P. G. Bergener, Columbus, O	\$ 546 25
2. Rev. J. C. Schacht, Marion, Ind	567 50
3. Rev. P. G. Bergener, Marion, Ind	75 00
4. Rev. J. Beck, Richmond, Ind	158 32
5. Rev. T. F. Reitz, Charleston, W. Va.	30 60
6. Rev. J. F. Doescher, Texas, traveling missionary.	913 91
7. Rev. A. Hoyer, Stockton, Ill	181 25
8. Rev. J. H. Schlichting, Stockton, Ill.	75 00
9. Rev. O. W. Weber, Massillon, O	411 00
10. Rev. H. A. W. Yung, Chicago, Ill.	764 82
11. Rev. J. F. Oertel, Puyallup, Wash.	275 00
12. Rev. A. C. Ernst, Orting, Wash.	137 50
13. Rev. H. H. Ackler, Baltimore, Md.	175 00
14. Rev. A. M. Struve, Baltimore, Md	100 00

15.	Rev. L. Grey, Oregon City, Ore	505 00
16.	Rev. T. Wuebben, Almira, Wash	50 00
18.	Rev. Haase, Almira, Wash	50 00
19.	Rev. G. Woestenber, Spokane Falls, Wash ..	125 00
20.	Rev. P. S. Swinehart, Sandusky City, O	510 00
21.	Rev. H. Rieke, Fairfield, Wash	25 00
22.	Rev. W. H. Gohdes, Washington, D. C	350 00
23.	W. M. Kibler, Greensboro, N. C.	25 00
24.	Rev. R. A. Schmidt, Duluth, Minn	30 80
25.	Rev. D. Kogge, Duluth, Minn	25 00
26.	Rev. R. Bergfeld, Carleton, Neb.....	200 00
27.	Rev. H. Flathman, Spofford, Minn.....	215 00
28.	Rev. H. Wittrock, Mink, Oregon	150 00
29.	Rev. L. H. Schuh, Tacoma, Wash	100 00
30.	Rev. C. W. Voss, Cameron, Idaho	50 00
31.	Rev. M. L. Peter, La Paz, Ind	100 00
32.	Rev. A. Eberle, Walla Walla, Wash	540 85
33.	Rev. C. Buechler, Portland, Oregon	898 81
34.	Rev. S. P. Long, Columbus, Ohio	291 00
35.	Rev. J. Woestenber, Detroit, Mich	398 52
36.	Rev. J. Robert, Tescott, Kan	292 82
37.	Rev. A. Krause, Portland, Oregon	930 03
38.	Rev. R. E. Golladay, Baltimore, Md	325 00
39.	Rev. E. Knorr, Buffalo Lake, Minn	50 00
40.	Rev. W. E. Seeger, Monrovia, Cal	150 00
41.	Rev. P. F. Hein, Spokane Falls, Wash	357 50
42.	Rev. S. H. Mollenauer, Spokane Falls, Wash ..	328 35
43.	Rev. C. Meyer, Herndon, Kan	710 00
44.	Rev. G. W. Lose, Allegheny City work	460 00
45.	Rev. W. L. Keller, Afton, Minn	68 00
46.	Rev. W. E. Kaeding, Detroit, Mich	125 00
47.	Rev. C. E. Krumm, Piqua, Ohio	100 00
48.	Rev. A. H. Scheffler and A. Hoyer, Merrill, Wis.	167 00
49.	Rev. G. Sutter, Briceton, Ohio	84 00
50.	Rev. G. Finke, La Mars, Iowa.....	325 33
51.	Rev. H. Grewe, Rib Falls, Wis	50 00
52.	Rev. H. Kaufmann, N. Tonawanda, N. Y.....	479 33
53.	Rev. John Doescher, Stratton, Neb	151 00
54.	Rev. John Doescher, Wyandotte, Mich	231 51
55.	Rev. W. Grabemann, Princeton, Minn	250 00
56.	Rev. A. O. Swinehart, Washington, Kan	233 25
57.	Rev. G. Kuehner, Winlock, Wash	684 34
58.	Rev. H. Ziel, Steubenville, Ohio	25 00
59.	Rev. G. Voss, Ritzville, Wash	140 00
60.	Rev. A. F. Gillman, Ritzville, Wash	237 70
61.	Rev. Geo. Stamm, Good Thunder, Minn	25 00

62. Rev. Chas. Grant, Pleasant Plain, Ohio	25 00
63. Rev. A. Horn, The Dalles, Oregon	75 00
64. Rev. E. Mack, The Dalles, Oregon	75 00
65. Rev. J. Fendler, Woodville, Wis	50 00
66. Rev. L. Schneider, Birnamwood, Wis	295 00
67. Rev. W. M. Kibler, Youngstown, Ohio	285 00
68. Rev. C. Wellsandt, Billings, Mont	167 00
69. Rev. C. Hopf, Akron, Iowa	100 00
70. Rev. G. Bachman, Cleveland, Ohio	100 00
71. Rev. J. H. Christiansen, Germania, Iowa	25 00
72. Rev. J. H. Christiansen, Wesley, Iowa	75 00
73. Rev. W. N. Harley, Canton, Ohio	100 00
74. Rev. W. H. Price, Detroit, Mich	\$ 100 00
75. Starr, Forrest county, Pa	50 00
76. Rev. E. Stubenvoll	38 69
77. Student Langendorf	50 00
78. Rev. A. Dettmer	50 00
Refunded of amount overdrawn two years ago	155 81
Paid of borrowed monies held two years ago	570 00
Traveling expenses, including the Board's part of the General President's fare to the Washington Dis- trict, which was \$ 67.50	197 85
Interest	162 69
Book Concern	69 19
Treasurer's books	1 10
Paper, stamps, envelopes, etc	25 91

\$ 19,294 82

There is due missionaries the 15th of August about ..	2,200 00
Borrowed money	793 34

Total debt Aug. 15, 1896, when books were closed \$ 2,993 34

CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

Received of former treasurer	\$ 15,944 49
Received past two years	3,965 73

Total in Building Fund	\$ 19,910 22
Borrowed without interest	80 50

Total in Fund

\$ 19,990 72

Moneys refunded—

1. Trinity Congregation, Allegheny, Pa	\$ 400 00
2. La Paz, Ind	49 50
3. Trinity Congregation, Akron, Iowa	50 00
4. St. Paul's, Allegheny, Pa	151 00

5. Tacoma Mission	50 10
6. Ev. Luth. Cong., Helena, Ohio	17 38
7. Christ's Congregation, Detroit, Mich	5 00
8. Ev. Luth. Cong., Patmos, Va	55 55
9. Immanuel's Cong., Oconto, Wis	84 00
Total refunded	\$ 862 03

The following congregations are using moneys of this fund:

1. Port Clinton, Ohio	\$ 521 66
2. Second Mission, Cleveland, Ohio	300 00
3. Crete, Ill., note held by O. T. Kubitz	35 00
4. Ev. Luth. Cong., Franklin, Ohio	500 00
5. La Paz, Ind	75 00
6. Alpena, Mich. (may be lost)	\$ 214 89
7. St. Luke's, Columbus, Ohio	1,061 00
8. St. Peter's, Columbus, Ohio	1,576 40
9. St. John's, Portland, Oregon	763 95
10. 1st Eng. Luth. Cong., Spokane, Wash	1,744 80
11. Christ's Congregation, Detroit, Mich	684 55
12. Zion's, Lima, Ohio, ...	691 54
13. Hope, Dayton, Ohio	900 00
14. St. Paul, Friedensau, Neb.	105 00
15. St. James, Detroit, Mich	500 00
16. St. John's, Piqua, Ohio	1,400 00
17. Trinity, Allegheny, Pa	1,400 00
18. Frieden's Cong., Cleveland, Ohio	442 83
19. St. Paul's, Charleston, W. Va	55 75
20. Grace Cong., Columbus, Ohio	1,000 00
21. Driscoll, W. Va	25 00
22. Rev. Mœnch	12 00
23. St. John's, Eagan township, Minn	100 00
24. Hazel Park, Minn	600 00
25. Emanuel's Cong., Ritzville, Wash	200 00
26. St. John's, Aitkins, Minn	25 00
27. Faith Cong., Baltimore, Md	400 00
28. Ev. Luth. Cong., Merrill, Wis	30 00
29. Grace Cong., Chicago, Ill	1,920 00
30. St. Matthew's Cong., St. Paul, Minn	225 00
31. St. Paul, S. Baltimore, Md	24 39
32. Good Hope Cong., Detroit, Mich	166 00
33. New Addition Mission, Tacoma, Wash	213 90
34. Zion's Cong., Shenandoah Co., Va	46 90
35. St. John's, Kalama, Wash	200 00
36. St. John's, Birnamwood, Wis	50 00
37. Trinity Cong., Akron, Iowa	100 00
38. Springhill, Allegheny, Pa	100 00

JOINT SYNOD OF OHIO AND OTHER STATES.

39. Zion's, Canton, Ohio	196 35
40. Spokane Falls, Wash., German Cong	200 00
41. Ev. Luth. Cong., Marion, Ind	400 00
42. Zion's Cong., Gettysburg, Ohio	150 00
43. Portland, Ore. (Rev. Krause)	600 00
	\$ 19,956 61
Held in notes	34 11
In treasury	19,990 72
Borrowed	80 50
Actual fund	\$ 19,910 22

J. BECK, *Treasurer.*

HEBREW MISSION.

"I say then, Hath God cast away His people? God forbid." Rom. 11, 1. These words of the apostle are the exact expression of our experience in the last two years. The indifference of so many Christians towards Israel's salvation is giving way to a lively interest in the spiritual welfare of this ancient people. The church which has the most to give, the church of the pure Word and Sacraments, is beginning to realize even in this country, that she also has a debt and a duty towards the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Synods who have missions to the Jews, are planning for increased activity; those who have had none are beginning to undertake this arduous work now. And blessed be His name that He permitted us also to take active part in the evangelization of His brethren according to the flesh.

Until September, 1895, our work was confined chiefly to the spreading of missionary literature among the Jews. And that God hath not cast away His people is also evident from the fact that He gave it into the hearts of so many of His children in our Synod to break the bread of life to their Jewish neighbors in the shape of missionary literature in the language they best understand. The interest taken in this work has been comparatively large and encouraging. Petitions for literature came in from a great many of our congregations and were gladly granted. This growing interest in Israel's welfare was to us "the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees" and a sign to bestir ourselves against the Philistines of Jewish ignorance and unbelief. 2 Sam. 5, 24.

In the summer of 1895 the sainted Rev. Meiser sent me an Israelite whom he knew personally and whom I knew by correspondence. The man had been in ignorance for years. He still wanted light in some doctrines and receiving it he wanted to be baptized. Skilled in the Scripture and in languages and unable to find employment I sent him out with missionary literature to the thousands of Jews in Pittsburg. Some pastors in Synod encouraged me to gain this man altogether for this work. At the same time word came from Leipzig, from the "Institutum Judaicum," that a man was now on the way to America, who may prove a blessing among the Jews of Pittsburg, if I could gain him for that field. The man followed my invitation to Pittsburg and in reliance upon Him whose work it was and with the consent of the Pittsburg Conference the work was auspiciously begun. In the heart of the Jewish population a house for the laborers was rented, a meeting room furnished, services commenced, the Jews visited and invited, and the Word of the Cross proclaimed in their own language. It was a humble beginning, but the laborers were poor and destitute of clothes and books and every-

thing needful, and our treasury was soon drained. After three months of experimenting in two houses, we gave up house-renting as too expensive—a hall would have been more expensive yet—we dismissed the assistant and confined ourselves to the work of the missionary from house to house. Those were dark days. Autumn began with a death in the family of the writer, and dire contagious diseases pitched their dark tents for the whole winter in our home, laying low one child after another. To this domestic cross was added the mission cross, which, if anything, was harder to bear than anything experienced before. Strife between the missionary and the converts who were to be his best helpers and friends, his own discontent and his unspeakable fickleness, the fruitless efforts in finding employment for those who were baptized and for those who were still afraid that by baptism they would lose their bread—these and similar experiences weighed heavy on my heart. And when finally the missionary himself had to be dismissed, it seemed as though the Lord had no pleasure in our work. And yet we know that all things work together for the good of those that love God. The labor in this field was not in vain. In spite of the weak instruments God's word proved its power on many a Jewish heart. There are a great many who were orthodox and cannot live up to the burdensome law of the Talmud here in America. They are breaking away from the old faith and are still standing shivering at the brink of the new cold Reformism. They are the most hopeful subjects of the gospel. The great hindrance in the way of those impressed is the fear of losing their bread among the Jews, by joining the Christian church, and of finding little sympathy and helpfulness among the Christians whose faults they seem to know more than their virtues. Leaving these poor people in the hands of God we will remark in conclusion, that everything with regard to this mission has been done decently and in order. The missionary was well recommended. Our City Mission Society extended a regular call, the Examination Committee of the Eastern District held a rigid and quite satisfactory examination of the candidate. The undersigned with the assistance of the worthy President of the District and of Rev. Reidenbach, sen., conducted the ordination services. But taking everything into consideration we bless the Lord for the success of the work and we bless Him for the seeming failure of the same.

The following short sentences will sum up our experience gathered on the field of this work:

1. The mission work among the Jews is the hardest kind of work, but none the less in accordance with the Lord's will.
2. The gospel is a power unto salvation among the Jews also, but the success of the gospel dare not be measured by the number of baptisms.
3. The care and protection of converts is the most arduous, but the most essential part in Jewish mission work.
4. That members of our Synod are just as willing to support a Jewish mission as the Christians of other Synods, is evident from the financial report, which is herewith appended:

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LAST TWO YEARS.

	Received.	Expended.
September, 1894, on hand	\$ 147 45	.....
Until September, 1895, collections	37 42	.....
Literature and postage for the whole year.		\$ 37 00
To the support of a Hebrew Christian student in St. Paul		10 00
September, 1895, collections	4 90	.....
Colporteur S. and postage		6 00
October, 1895, collections	29 00	.....
Literature, express, postage		2 25
Colporteur S		9 00
November, 1895, from all sources	69 63	.....
Missionary laborers G. and S		92 75
Rent, moving, repairs, etc		40 00
Postage, car fare		1 75
Printing		22 50
December, 1895, from all sources	132 00	.....
Missionary laborers		86 85
Rent, heating, lighting, furniture		32 00
Car fare		25
January, 1896, from all sources	95 30	.....
Missionary laborers		90 00
Rent, literature, car fare, etc.		26 25
February, 1896, collections	32 25	.....
Missionary laborers		60 00
Literature		13 30
"Proselytenpf."—Expenditures in behalf of those who on account of their faith have lost their bread		15 00
The poor		4 00
Postage		75
March, 1896, from all sources	71 24	.....
Missionary laborers		60 00
"Proselytenpf."		13 00
Literature		5 00
Postage		1 00
April, 1896, from all sources	42 18	.....
Missionary G		53 00
"Proselytenpf." and the poor		11 00
Literature		11 00
Postage		50
May, 1896, collections	29 00	.....
Missionary G		41 90
Express, postage, car fare		2 15
June, 1896, collections	80 80	.....
Debts of G		\$ 11 00

	Received.	Expended.
Postage and car fare.....		\$ 1 20
July, 1896, collections.....	\$ 10 00	.....
Postage and traveling expenses		1 60
Until 6th of August, 1896	30 75	.....
Postage		25
	\$ 811 92	\$ 762 25

Balance on hand, \$ 49.67.

That the Lord may guide us all to do His gracious will is the prayer of
Yours in Christ,

A. R. KULDELL.

COLORED MISSION.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 3, 1896.

Honorable President and Brethren in Christ:

The Board of Colored Missions appointed two years ago hereby begs leave to submit a report of its work and labors for consideration at the next meeting of Joint Synod to be held at Dayton, O., Sept. 3, 1896.

The Colored Mission, located at Ivy Lane, near Baltimore, Md., is conducted by Rev. N. Carter, our colored minister.

It will be remembered that our white superintendent resigned his position shortly before the last meeting of Synod two years since. Since then the Board has not seen fit to call another to fill the vacancy, not that we did not realize the need of a white superintendent, but owing to a lack of means to support such an overseer.

Had we been able to maintain a man in charge of the work, more progress doubtless would have been made than we are now able to report.

Virtually the entire work has been in charge of our colored minister, under the supervision of the Board.

Members of the Board could not give the work that personal attention the undertaking deserves. It requires a superintendent who can devote his entire time to the cause if it is to meet with great success. But for the last two years we have been conducting the mission as best we could without such supervision.

Rev. Carter preaches every Sunday at Ivy Lane. The attendance at service averages about twenty. The membership of the congregation is fourteen.

While many of those at first gathered into the mission have proved unfaithful and left us, some of them, however, have returned and now manifest an increased knowledge of Lutheranism and Christian faith.

We can not report even as great progress in numbers as formerly, yet with the increase of experience on our part and consequent ability to better understand the colored people, we feel confident in saying that from a spiritual standpoint the mission at Ivy Lane is now in a more promising condition than ever before. Those at present in connection with it prove by their zeal and perseverance that they really seek the bread of life.

Rev. Carter has within the last two years confirmed seven, baptized eight and buried two.

The Sunday school is conducted regularly every Sunday throughout the year. It has an attendance of twenty-eight. Only Lutheran books of the Joint Synod are used in the school.

The parochial school is conducted nine months in the year. Rev. Carter is the instructor; the pupils of the school number twelve.

One of the most encouraging fruits of our work is in the person of a young man about sixteen years of age, a son of Rev. Carter. He is now to enter the College of the City of Baltimore, pursuing his instructions with the view of becoming a minister of our Synod. Rev. Carter has also in connection with his pastoral and ministerial labors faithfully continued his theological studies under the instruction of Rev. J. Hoerr.

THE PROPERTY OF THE MISSION.

We are still in possession of the church and parsonage at Ivy Lane described in our last report. On this property there is still a mortgage of \$1,000.00 at 6 per cent and an annual ground rent of \$72.00.

CITY WORK.

The Board has for some time been of the conviction that in connection with our work at Ivy Lane we should conduct a mission in the city of Baltimore.

A Sunday school was begun by our white superintendent more than two years ago and with prospects of success, but owing to prejudice arising in the neighborhood against colored work we were deprived of our place of worship, when we began to realize fully our inability to conduct our colored mission without property of our own, and not having means to procure property the work for the time ceased. Recently, however, the Board resolved to begin the work in the city anew. After considerable investigation, Eden street, near Jefferson street, in East Baltimore and in the midst of a thickly settled colored population was selected as a place of operation. An option on a lot 24 x 70 feet at \$1,000.00 has been secured. It is the hope that we will soon be able to raise money sufficient to obtain this lot and erect a church. It will require for this purpose about \$2,500.00. We beg Synod to give this matter worthy consideration.

Church and Sunday school services are now being conducted in a private residence in the neighborhood above referred to, with fair attendance. The indications are that with a church the undertaking would meet with encouraging success.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

From July 10, 1894, to August 3, 1896:

Total receipts	\$ 1,325 97
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DISBURSEMENTS.

To Rev. W. Harley, balance of salary...	\$ 225 00
To Rev. N. Carter, salary	600 00

To orphans to Oct. 31, 1895	108 60
To interest on mortgage	120 00
To ground rent	144 00
To coal and wood	105 25
To Marmaduke Carter	31 35
To repairs and material	43 83
To books and school material	12 17
To city mission from June 1, 1896	21 00
To sundries	86 56
Total	\$1,496 76
Balance on hand	\$ 29 21

Of the above receipts the Baltimore Local Conference contributed \$173.17 besides other contributions.

Respectfully,

J. HOERR, *Treasurer.*

NOTICE TO SYNOD.

At the last meeting of Synod the entire Board of Colored Missions, consisting of five members, was appointed, two for the term of six years, two for the term of four years, and one for the term of two years. The short term of Rev. D. E. Snapp expires at this meeting.

By order of the Board.

D. E. SNAPP, *Sec'y, Baltimore, Md.*

JOHN J. DOBLER,
J. HOERR.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

The undersigned submits for the examination of your honorable body, the following report of receipts and expenditures for foreign missions. Although the same in comparison with former years, have fallen somewhat short, since our home mission work makes continually greater demands upon us, still many a mite has been dropped into the Lord's treasury for the poor heathen during the past two years, and the Lord has added His blessing.

True, our Synod has yet no mission of its own among the heathen, but we will not on that account become weary in lending wings to the Gospel by our prayers and gifts in order that the trumpet-sound of the seventh angel of the Apocalypse may more and more be realized: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever." Yea, there shall be no rest until the love of Christ gains the victory, and the circuit of the earth lies at His feet.

Total receipts from Aug. 1, 1894, to Sept. 1, 1896 ...	\$ 2,988 17
Total expenditures during the same time	2,988 17
Sent to Director E. Harms as per vouchers	\$ 2,964 52
To the Basel mission, at the request of Rev. Gebhard	22 00
Postage	1 65
Total	\$ 2,988 17

J. G. BUTZ, *Treasurer.*

Zelienople, Sept. 1, 1896.

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your committee has in hand the reports of the various Mission Boards for the year 1896, and we beg leave to offer the following resolutions for the approval of the honorable Synod.

HOME MISSIONS.

1. The honorable Mission Board asks what shall be done with the request of the Texas District asking to do away with the office of its traveling missionary.

We recommend that the sum of \$600, which has heretofore been given to the traveling missionary, be divided among three pastors and that they devote their time and energy to the large field which has been served by the traveling missionary until now.

2. The Mission Board asks whether Synod approves of establishing and supporting missions in remote places which offer very little encouragement, such as Monrovia, Cal.

The judgment of your committee is that as a general thing such should *not* be done.

3. How shall the Board deal with congregations who after five years fail to repay the money loaned them from the Church Building Fund? How shall the Board deal with the Lima congregation in particular?

In reply to this matter your committee refers the Board to the resolution of Synod in the year 1894 to the effect, that the Board shall act through the officers of the District Synods and as a last resort demand the payment by law.

4. Your committee moves that congregations not in connection with Synod yet receiving aid from Synod through the Mission Board, be urged to join Synod, and that such congregations that may in the future apply for aid be required to do so.

5. In regard to the English mission in Spokane, Wash., we recommend that Synod approve of the resolution of the Washington District, viz.: that the English work there be continued. And we would also advise that the pastor who may be called to Spokane should carry on English work in the Palouse region.

6. Moreover it was asked by the Mission Board what should be done in regard to the traveling missionary in Kansas. Your committee recommends that Synod divide the field in such a way that the congregations in Kansas and the congregations in Nebraska each form a parish, that a new missionary be called for the parish in Nebraska and that Rev. Meyer remain in Kansas. The salary amounting to \$400 which has heretofore been paid Rev. Meyer should be so divided as to secure each missionary of the two parishes \$200, the congregations being urged to raise the rest of the support of their pastors.

7. The time of Pastor Beck and Prof. Hemminghaus as members of the Mission Board has expired, therefore we remind Synod to nominate candidates to fill these vacancies.

8. The Detroit Local Conference has sent in a petition to the effect that inasmuch as our missionaries receive small salaries they should be paid monthly and even though the treasurer must borrow the money.

Your committee recommends that the missionaries instead of being paid monthly, be paid quarterly.

JEWISH MISSIONS.

In regard to Jewish missions, your committee is of the opinion that the mission work among Israel is one of the most complicated and unthankful, but at the same time a work enjoined by God. Therefore we confirm the petition of the Eastern District not only to devote more care to the work, but also to establish a Board of Jewish Missions consisting of three members.

NEGRO MISSIONS.

From the report of the Board of Colored Missions, and from an explanation concerning the mission as given by Rev. Snapp, of Baltimore, we learn that the Board did all that could possibly be expected under the prevailing difficult circumstances and carried on the work with creditable energy. At the same time your committee would remind you that a necessary property can at the present time be secured for a mission in the city of Baltimore at a very low cost. We also ask that more interest be awakened in our congregations in regard to this mission.

Finally your committee recommends that Synod express its heartfelt thanks to the honorable Home Mission Board for its faithfulness in this difficult and trying work and for its conscientious performance of its duties.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON MISSION MATTERS.

Concerning item 3 of the Preliminary Committee's report on Home Missions, pertaining to the Lima congregation which holds money from the Church Building Fund, it was said by Prof. C. Ackermann that the Lima congregation is of the opinion that it is but justice that Synod should relieve them of the payment of the money loaned them from the Church Building Fund.

inasmuch as this debt was incurred in a lawsuit in which a principle was defended in which the whole Synod was concerned and inasmuch as they had been encouraged to continue the suit by Professors and officers of Synod. In reply it was stated that while the officers of Synod and professors of Columbus were interested in the case and rendered valuable assistance, they at no time made any promises in the name of Synod to assume part of the expenses of the trial and that Synod would have no power whatever to donate money from the Church Building Fund for such purposes. Further, it should not be forgotten that the Lima congregation has had the use of this money without interest for these many years.

To item 6, pertaining to the division of the mission field of Rev. Meyer, the following was offered as a substitute for committee's report: That the Kansas and Nebraska District hold a visitation in that field as soon as possible and report the result to the Home Mission Board.

Under the item pertaining to Jewish Missions, it was resolved that we establish a Board of Jewish Missions, consisting of three members, to be appointed by the President. The following Board was appointed: Revs. A. R. Kuldell, G. W. Lose, and Mr. John Kiefer, of Allegheny, Pa.

It was further decided that we continue to do Foreign Mission work as in the past.

REPORT OF GENERAL TREASURER.

To the Evangelical Luth. Synod of Ohio and Other States:

Brethren:—I have the honor to submit herewith my fifth biennial report, giving in condensed form the receipts and disbursements from August 11, 1894, to August 29, 1896.

Not in the history of the present Treasurer has the General Treasury been in such sore distress as it has experienced in the past two years; had it not been for the willing hearts and hands at the two Christmas collections, as well as the last Easter collection, the Treasury would have been in a bad plight. As it is, we can but report that the salaries are from three to five months in arrears. The Easter collection which amounted to \$21,742.46, would have met all the current expenses to July 1, 1896, had the Treasurer not been compelled to pay off some notes that were due.

Among other things that placed the Treasury in an embarrassing position was the resolution passed by Joint Synod at the meeting in Richmond four years ago which makes it necessary for all notes to be signed by the President of Synod. For six years the present treasurer was authorized to make all loans and sign all notes (see resolution, Dayton meeting, 1880), and in those six years the salaries and current expenses were regularly paid every month and the debt was not as large as it is now; the reason for paying so promptly was that the Treasurer would borrow the money during the months that money was scarce and pay it back when the collections came in.

As it now stands your President is supposed to travel around the entire country in the interest of Synod, and is not around when needed to sign notes. It makes the duties doubly hard and the mental strain would have broken down many a person who did not have the experience and constitution of your humble servant.

The resolution is all right, and it would suit the Treasurer if a half dozen names would be added as signatures so that the responsibility would not rest on one or two men, but some one outside of the President who continually remains in the city should be asked to go on the notes, and who will be accessible at any and all times when needed.

If Synod wants to keep up its credit it must make the change. The credit of Synod was not such in the past two years as it was in former years. This fact the professors and the several institutions will substantiate, as they were the real sufferers. I hope Synod will take necessary action.

TRUST FUNDS SHOULD BE PRESERVED.

Synod should make arrangements that this Treasury should have charge of all trust funds and legacies. We do not mean by this that the money intended for any special institution should pass into the hands of the Treasurer, but that each institution should report any and all monies received by them to this office promptly, giving the name of the donor, the amount and the manner of disposal. Such a record would give Synod at any time a complete statement of its assets and would give general satisfaction to the entire Synod.

KAMPER ENDOWMENT FUND.

According to the last will and testament of John Kamper, deceased, his estate is to be divided into four equal parts, one-fourth of which goes to Capital University, one-fourth part to Foreign Missions, of which Joint Synod gets one-third, and one-fourth to Home Missions, of which Joint Synod will also receive one-third. Just what the entire amount of the estate will be I am unable to say, but having received \$5,500, the executor thought it best to give \$3,500 to Capital University, \$1,000 to Home Missions and \$1,000 to Foreign Missions to be held in trust. The testator's last will demands that the money be invested, and the interest only be used. Only in the case of extreme emergency is Synod allowed to use one-tenth of the principal in any one year.

ST. PAUL DEBT.

According to resolution of Joint Synod at its session in 1894, this Treasury was authorized to assume the St. Paul building debt which amounted to \$15,500 and of which \$8,000 was paid in the past two years.

HICKORY REPAIRS.

At the meeting of Joint Synod in Richmond in 1892 the Treasurer was authorized to cancel the indebtedness incurred in building an addition to the professor's residence at Hickory, N. C., amounting to \$331.25. The amount has been paid.

COLLECTIONS FOR 1894-1896.

Synod appropriated \$35,000 annually for current expenses at the meeting in Columbus two years ago, but with all the special effort that was made only \$60,946.78 were raised, or \$9,053.22 less than was needed, not counting interest and paying off of notes. The collections for all sources from 1886-88 were \$27,859.19; from 1888 to 1890, \$32,876.58; from 1890-92, \$38,299.93; 1892-94, \$48,321.82; 1894-96, \$60,946.78. While the increase by hard work has been remarkable in spite of the hard times, the question is, Can it be repeated?

RETRENCHMENT.

It has been suggested to cut off Hickory Seminary. That might be a small start, but it would be so small a part that it would not be noticed.

The Treasurer has made five different pleas in the past ten years to Synod to curtail its expenses so that the receipts and disbursements would be equalized and keep Synod out of debt, and he expresses the hope that Synod's finances will be first and foremost in its discussions at this session.

CHANGE.

It has been said that the Orphans' Home wants to come out from under the General Treasury and be independent from the finances received from it. I sincerely hope that Synod will not countenance any such action. Synod makes an appropriation of \$6,000 annually, and considering the hard times, the Treasurer's report will show that it has been fairly dealt with. Let's stand together. United we stand and divided we fall. A house divided against itself will not stand. The hard times will not be with us always, and the time will come when they will be still better provided for than at present.

THANKS.

The thanks of Synod are due each and every member of Joint Synod—from the largest to the smallest—who have contributed to the support of Synod in the past two years.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

It has been suggested to the Treasurer that if Synod would ask some of the more well-to-do members of Synod to make a \$100 contribution the coming year, and not ask the congregations to make a special effort, without doubt by good and hard work 300 could easily be found who would be willing to give such an amount. This would net the sum of \$30,000, and almost defray the entire expenses for one year. This with the annual collections would net about \$50,000 the first year, which would not only pay the current expenses but a good part of the debt. The suggestion is worthy of consideration. Of course one thing must not be lost sight of, and that is that a great many have given the above amount frequently.

OTHER ASSETS OF SYNOD.

Besides the different funds already given in the General Statement, the Treasurer has in his possession through the influence of President Schuette, four notes of \$500 each which can be collected in the near future.

A GENERAL VIEW OF THE SITUATION.

Considering the hard times through which the entire country has been struggling for the past three years, Synod can congratulate itself

on the increase it has made in the past years. The building of St. Paul, Woodville, Orphans' Home school and the new building at Capital University have helped to hold us down, but at the same time have shown the liberality of our people. With no buildings in the near future we ought by strict economy get down to a solid financial basis and soon liquidate our indebtedness.

Below you will find tables of receipts and disbursements, etc., for the past two years.

**RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE GENERAL TREASURY
FROM AUGUST 11, 1894, TO AUGUST 31, 1896.**

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Aug. 11, 1896.....		\$ 101 26
Credits as per Kirchenzeitung from Aug. 18, 1894, to Aug. 29, 1896.....	\$ 60,946 78	
Miscellaneous receipts.....	321 60	
New loans.....	22,544 07	
Tuition, Capital University.....	2,857 95	
Mack Endowment Fund, additional.....	100 00	
Kamper " " ".....	3,000 00	
Frederick " " ".....	300 00	
Poorman " " ".....	100 00	
Rush " " ".....	25 00	
German Luth. Sem'y.....	1,000 00	
Simen Scholarship Fund.....	800 00	
J. J. Dobler, Scholarship Fund.....	200 00	
Int. on F. J. Heer Scholarship Fund, 1894-96....	80 00	
Int. on C. H. L. Schuette Scholarship Fund, 1895.....	40 00	
Int. on N N Scholarship Fund, 1895.....	25 00	
Int. on F. R. Guthke Scholarship Fund, 1895....	40 00	
Int. on D. F. Schuette Scholarship Fund, 1895..	40 00	
Int. on G. A. Dobler Scholarship Fund, 1895....	40 00	
Int. on J. J. Dobler Scholarship Fund, 1894-96..	37 50	
New Building, St. Paul.....	82 67	
Int. donated by H. Prange, Mt. Olive, Ill.	80 00	
		\$ 92,660 57
		\$ 92,761 83

DISBURSEMENTS.

Capital University.....	\$ 24,908 65
Woodville Seminary.....	7,836 52
St. Paul, Minn., Seminary..	8,552 64
Orphans' Home.....	12,539 24
Hickory.....	3,081 00
Miscellaneous.....	2,056 91
Interest.....	5,152 23

Notes cancelled	16,602 25	
Notes cancelled on St. Paul Building.....	4,300 00	
Liens on St. Paul Building	3,700 00	
Hickory Repairs	831 25	
Old Folks' Home.....	449 38	
C. H. L. Schuette, on salary	2,100 00	
Loan to Book Concern	100 00	
		<u>\$92,210 07</u>
Balance in Treasury Sept. 1, 1896		\$ 551 76

PRESENT STANDING OF DEBT.

Debt August 1, 1894.....	\$ 35,347 50	
New Loans.....	22,544 07	
New Loans from Funds belonging to Jt. Synod —		
Mack End. Fund	\$ 100 00	
Kamper End. Fund.....	3,000 00	
Frederick End. Fund	300 00	
Poorman End. Fund.....	100 00	
Rush End. Fund.....	25 00	
German Luth. Seminary	1,000 00	
Simen Scholarship Fund.....	800 00	
J. J. Dobler Scholarship Fund....	200 00	
	<u>5,525 00</u>	
		\$ 63,416 57
St. Paul Debt assumed at last session of Joint Synod.....		15,500 00
		<u>\$ 78,916 57</u>
Total.....		24,602 25
Notes cancelled		
		<u>\$ 54,314 32</u>
Debt Sept. 1, 1896		

Of the notes against the general treasury the following are property of Synod in the shape of trust funds and legacies :

Heffner Fund.....	\$1,000 00	
Mack Endowment Fund...	100 00	
Kamper Endowment Fund.....	2,500 00	
Pemberville Beneficiary Fund.....	500 00	
Theological Seminary Professorship Fund....	4,000 00	
Theological Seminary Professorship Fund....	1,000 00	
Simen Scholarship Fund.....	800 00	
J. J. Dobler Scholarship Fund.....	200 00	
Rush Fund.....	25 00	
Poorman Fund.....	100 00	
Frederick Fund.....	300 00	
Kamper Endowment Fund.....	3,000 00	
Mack Endowment Fund.....	100 00	
		<u>\$ 13,625 00</u>
Total.....		

Audited and approved Aug. 31, 1896.

C. H. L. SCHUETTE.
G. K. LEONARD.
A. PFLUEGER.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Moneys Sent to the General Treasurer.

Name.	Location.	1894 to 1895.	1895 to 1896.
Ahl, Eug.	Ashland, O.	\$ 25 97	\$ 113 11
Affeld, A.	North Washington, O.	13 50	44 00
Althoff, C. H.	Hessville, O.	66 51	138 38
Bailey, E. R.	Attica, O.	78 80	194 73
Bauch, J.	Oak Harbor, O.	107 61	193 91
Benzin, C.	Pemberville, O.	332 50	541 45
Bergener, A. G.	Detroit, Mich.	62 15	139 25
Bez, C.	Detroit, Mich.	58 00	52 50
Born, J.	Stony Ridge, O.	51 54	83 93
Born, R. A.	Delphos, O.	44 53	64 91
Bowman, W. A.	Fremont, O.	153 60	233 13
Bachman, G.	Cleveland, O.		16 29
Barthelmes, J.	McZena, O.	11 25	22 75
Clessler, C.	Bridgewater, Mich.	63 75	118 57
Dammann, L.	Napoleon, O.	241 48	313 94
Dannecker, H. P.	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	330 05	671 22
Detzer, L. A.	Adrian, Mich.	21 30	58 66
Dillman, G.	Fostoria, O.	87 80	91 16
Dingeldey, J.	Cleveland, O.	12 32	80 30
Dornbier, A.	Sandusky, O.	440 25	637 81
Doescher, J.	Wyandotte, Mich.		43 93
Ebert, D. P.	New Washington, O.	117 75	144 69
Ebert, A.	Woodland, Mich.	41 88	65 32
	Grand Ledge, Mich.		8 00
Gebhardt, C. F.	Bucyrus, O.	208 57	357 52
Graetz R. J.	Arlington, O.	64 63	93 15
Harter, G. A.	Clyde, O.	56 16	187 53
Hein, C. C.	Detroit, Mich.	164 45	207 10
Helle, W. F.	Upper Sandusky, O.	141 84	194 83
Hensge, P.	Maybee, Mich.	45 00	74 50
Hess, L.	Crestline, O.	112 35	115 50
Hohls, C.	New Rochester, O.	94 11	137 45
Jaeger, Th. H.	Dundee, Mich.	105 42	108 57
Johannsen, J. M.	Woodville, O.	184 00	414 56
Kaeding, W. E.	Detroit, Mich.	42 16	34 36
Koepplin, J. C.	Sulphur Springs, O.	99 50	147 50
Krieger, J.	Liverpool, O.	135 00	148 75
Kuntz, J. W.	Jelloway, O.	41 00	55 40
Lange, G. B.	Dearborn, Mich.	54 00	90 40
Lembke, C.	Dowling, O.	49 35	101 91
Lembke, W. C.	Luckey, O.	86 55	139 00
Lilje, C.	Oak Harbor, O.	19 58	68 00
Luetjen, H. E.	Ypsilanti, Mich.	59 50	101 38
Mahlberg, E.	Peabody, Ind.	25 20	32 25
Meyer, J.	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	69 00	97 86
Meyer, J. P.	Sheldon, Ind.	91 00	110 30
Meiser, G. F. H.	Detroit, Mich.	428 68	476 84
Mittler, L. F.	Cardington, O.	92 95	205 40
Mochel, G.	Fremont, O.	162 04	238 25
Mueller, C.	Soest, Ind.	18 83	21 82
Mohrhoff, W. H.	Gibsonburg, O.	197 00	195 50
Moll, J. M. M.	Venice, O.	11 50	25 06
Nicklas, A. L.	Ann Arbor, Mich.	155 00	214 27
Nicklas, A. L.	Marion, O.	164 04	283 15
Poppen, S.	East Saginaw, Mich.	41 40	
Prætorius R.	Pigeon, Mich.	26 00	28 00
Reitz, G. F.	Danbury, O.	95 50	95 00
Reitz, T. F.	S. Saginaw, Mich.	16 70	38 69
Raether, P.	Woodville, O.	324 47	899 41
Schillinger, S.	Chatfield, O.	111 37	175 55
Schuette, W. E.	Bellevue, O.	167 72	191 30
Schulz, J. F.	Monroeville, O.	105 65	161 02
Stellhorn, Theo.	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	65 35	116 35
Sutter, G.	Briceton, O.	13 35	42 00
Sutter, H. G.	Galion, O.	249 00	387 92
Schwake, H.	Reese, Mich.		8 28
Über, G. A.	Homerville, O.	69 92	155 18

NORTHERN DISTRICT—Concluded.

Name.	Location.	1894 to 1895.	1895 to 1896.
Volz, C. and F.	East Saginaw, Mich.	307 41	473 19
Woestenbergh, G.	Detroit, Mich.	12 62	48 50
Weiss, J. J.	Toledo, O.	143 00	494 09
Weisman, W. A.	Marion, O.	150 29	166 63
Wuebben, J. O.	Payne, O.	15 81	41 15
	East Toledo, O.	50 00	2 50

MINNESOTA DISTRICT.

Moneys Sent to the General Treasurer.

Name.	Location.	1894 to 1895.	1895 to 1896.
Althof, C.	Howard Lake, Minn.	\$53 80	\$62 80
Appel, J. G.	Springfield, Minn.	140 21	182 98
Bohnhoff, J. J. L.	Valley City, N. Dak.	7 70	35 45
Buchring, W.	Belle Plaine, Minn.	71 76	39 80
Christiansen, P.	Germania, Ia.	2 80	19 65
Diemer, G.	Brownston, Minn.	66 52	84 17
Ebert, F.	Stillwater, Minn.	33 76	228 98
Finke, G.	Le Mars, Ia.	2 71	13 15
Fischer, H.	Alvord, Ia.	6 00	12 30
Flathman, H.	Worthington, Minn.	1 20	
Ganschow, W.	Wells, Minn.	53 14	77 33
Gebhard, F. W.	Canova, S. Dak.	11 09	33 54
Gehrke, G.	Stewart, Minn.	7 75	30 13
Grabemann, W.	Princeton, Minn.		8 10
Herrewig, C.	Manson, Ia.	10 20	34 00
Hermann, E.	Jamestown, N. Dak.		
Heuer, C. W.	Adrian, Minn.	7 73	16 00
Hopf, C.	Akron, Ia.		5 92
Hohberger, W.	Shakopee, Minn.	41 74	102 04
Janzig, J.	Guttenberg, Ia.	29 62	48 55
Keller, W. L.	Lamberton, Minn.	13 50	82 07
Kilian, C.	Mapleton, Minn.	26 43	24 00
Klindworth, A. J.	Des Moines, Ia.	70 48	91 49
Knorr, E.	Buffalo Lake, Minn.	6 00	8 75
Kogge, D.	Duluth, Minn.	19 25	47 25
Lange, W. H.	Afton, Minn.	9 75	32 15
Langholz, C.	Lortz, Minn.		9 85
Lehni, F.	Morgan, Minn.	12 50	45 02
Maser, F.	Kemi, Minn.	24 20	83 16
Matter, F.	Belle Plaine, Minn.	13 25	26 25
Meyer, H.	Orient, S. Dak.	18 45	7 95
Meyer, J. D.	Pomeroy, Ia.	30 80	103 58
Moench, A.	Dalton, Ia.	93 42	101 13
Meinecke, F.	Menno, S. Dak.	51 00	50 00
Meyer, H.	Logan, Minn.		9 00
Oberhammer, J.	Clintonville, Wis.	10 50	11 00
Paul, G.	Mendota, Minn.		4 00
Pfeiffer, H.	St. Paul, Minn.	15 75	188 83
Prigge, W.	Armstrong, Minn.	90 50	148 99
Roemer, C.	Lake Elmo, Minn.	16 45	74 05
Richter, F. L.	State Centre, Ia.	5 16	6 32
Schmidt, A. L.	Fargo, N. Dak.		7 60
Schmidt, R. A.	Arlington, Minn.	10 95	13 52
Schneider, J. G.	Holloway, Minn.	36 32	149 38
Schoenlein, H. W.	Winthrop, Minn.	46 65	37 60
Stamm, G.	Grimes, Ia.	18 72	41 10
Wellandt, C.	Good Thunder, Minn.		8 71
	Aitkins, Minn.		6 00

EASTERN DISTRICT.

Moneys Sent to the General Treasurer.

Name.	Location.	1894 to 1895.	1895 to 1896.
Beiswenger, F.	Pittsburg, S. S.	\$28 25	\$25 00
Besel, F. H.	Girard, O.		9 00
Boehme, E. A.	Youngstown, O.	190 97	275 19
Born, E. A.	Houtzdale, Pa.	52 75	116 00
Brecht, C. F. W.	Chicora, Pa.	60 26	124 20
Burry, L. H.	Massillon, O.	132 24	212 00
Bush, W. L.	Warren, O.	65 33	113 05
Butz, J. G.	Zelienople, Pa.	150 24	258 29
Butz, E. T.	Perrysville, Pa.	106 23	63 62
Cronenwett, E.	Butler, Pa.	50 00	121 90
Dittmer, E. F. A.	Carnegie, Pa.	28 68	67 14
Rich, M. L.	See G. Weber, (Petersburg)		
Friedrich, J.	Mt. Washington, Pa.	6 15	7 00
Goessling, E.	Woods Run Ave.	27 00	22 10
Heinzelman, J.	Fullerton, Md.	20 00	39 60
Hoerr, J.	Baltimore, Md.	121 03	215 95
Hoerr, J. H. W.	Columbiana, O.	81 00	99 91
Kubitz, O. T.	Starr, P. O., Pa.	13 50	7 90
Kuldell, A. R.	Allegheny, N. Y.	72 55	195 26
Kaufman, H.	Gratwick, N. Y.	4 50	12 00
Loewenstein, F. W.	Perrysville, Pa.	44 75	123 90
Maier, J. W.	Sharon, Pa.	23 64	46 19
Meyer, L. F.	Canton, O.	156 50	213 00
	Hubbard, O.	31 45	19 46
Reimann, H. J.	Oil City, Pa.	197 24	557 50
Reidenbach, P. M.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	65 00	65 00
Reidenbach, R.	Dorseyville, Pa.		15 00
Rohr, A. F.	Shippensville, Pa.	23 86	168 62
Stellhorn, Ernst.	Steubenville, O.	7 00	9 25
Soller, J.	Brier Hill, O.	104 45	154 04
Schmidt, H. A.	Salem, O.		10 00
Schuh, H. J.	Allegheny, Pa.	186 45	451 61
Trautman, J. G.	Greenville, Pa.	11 25	63 78
Wagner, L.	Evans City, Pa.		4 15
Wagner, L.	Greenock, Pa.		17 25
Weber, G.	Petersburg, O.	66 85	66 25
Witte, W.	Tonawanda, N. Y.	72 43	23 81
Ziel, H. A.	Hickory, Pa.	32 12	32 32

KANSAS-NEBRASKA DISTRICT.

Moneys Sent to the General Treasurer.

Name.	Location.	1894 to 1895.	1895 to 1896.
Bergfeld, R.	Carleton, Neb.	\$2 74	\$27 91
Bohn, G.	Palmer, Kan.		
Dagefoerde, C.	Bruning, Neb.	36 40	15 00
Dettmer, A.	Lindsay, Neb.		2 05
Dettmer, A.	Kalamazoo, Neb.		10 15
Gahre, F. W.	Glenville, Neb.	33 60	66 60
Kahre, H. W.	Deshler, Neb.	7 00	14 50
Meyer, C.	Herndon, Kan.	1 00	14 00
Minnemann, Ira.	Carson, Kan.	10 22	12 57
Robert, J. H.	Tescott, Kan.	6 00	33 22
Swinehart, A. O.	Washington, Kan.	12 50	18 39
Weber, J.	Ruskin, Neb.	14 00	21 75
Yung, G.	Lenexa, Kan.		6 00

WESTERN DISTRICT.

Moneys Sent to the General Treasurer.

Name.	Location.	1894 to 1895.	1895 to 1896.
Abicht, F. W.	Marysville, O.	\$188 53	\$161 53
Althoff, C. H.	Weisburg, Ind.	63 00	124 15
Albrecht, C. H.	Sugar Grove, O.	76 20	111 14
Bergener, P. G.	Columbus, O.	24 27	.....
Busse, A.	Powellsville, O.	47 36	65 31
Dapper, A. A.	Ft. Recovery, O.	127 65	166 00
Eberbach, A.	Reading, O.	56 34	70 48
Fontana, J.	Stedecke, O.	22 00	34 25
Feeger, A. J.	Richmond, Ind.	49 61	407 75
Gerfen, E.	Union City, Ind.	91 76	98 20
Gerkensmeyer, J.	Bear Branch, Ind.	40 00	48 02
Helle, W. F.	Trenton, O.	89 50	31 50
Hecht, M. C.	Dayton, O.	312 62	754 20
Hemminghaus, K.	Rome, O.	30 10	86 85
Hennigs, H.	Stendal, Ind.	56 10	73 70
Herbst, C. E.	Waymansville, Ind.	60 25	103 25
Humberger, J.	Covington, O.	40 80	75 65
Hunziker, S.	Brehm, O.	28 75	53 00
Klopfer, A. F.	Wabash, O.	49 45	103 35
Kuhlmann, J. H.	Middletown, O.	151 00	202 25
Kleinlein, A. C.	Evansville, Ind.	107 47	203 77
Lange, J. F.	Kellerville, Ind.	42 00	115 00
Latenschlager, J.	Hausertown, Ind.	.....	.....
Lenski, R.	Springfield, O.	198 40	243 20
Liefeld, A.	Lynnville, Ind.	25 25	18 56
Loewenstein, G.	Holland, Ind.	61 79	83 33
Luedemann, W.	Olean, Ind.	79 37	35 17
Mayer, C. H.	Greenville, O.	5 00	155 00
Meissner, J. M.	St. Marys, O.	109 15	73 70
Minnemann, A. H.	Sidney, O.	77 00	83 90
Niebuhr, W.	Stumke's Corners, Ind.	57 05	100 68
Peter, P. A.	W. Baltimore, O.	50 40	124 90
Priwer, O.	New Bedford, O.	50 44	65 38
Poppen, S.	Versailles, O.	.....	25 00
Ridenour, H. L.	Patrickburg, Ind.	106 50	201 00
Rohe, C. H.	Columbus, O.	276 15	454 02
Rohlfing, F. W.	Staunton, Ind.	83 25	110 00
Popp, A.	Pomeroy, O.	40 32	184 31
Rose, W. F.	Marion, Ind.	7 75	.....
Schacht, J. C.	Charleston, W. Va.	.....	2 00
Schmidt, Hugo.	Montra, O.	15 25	99 98
Schaefer, A. H.	Hartford City, Ind.	102 60	481 70
Schaefer, C. A.	Sciotoville, O.	10 24	16 88
Schenck, H. L.	Grove City, O.	131 75	247 00
Schmidt, Ph.	Wapakoneta, O.	69 12	83 92
Schmogrow, G.	Celina, O.	23 40	58 35
Schulz, E.	Columbus, O.	188 38	478 01
Schneider, J. H.	Montra, O.	11 00	9 30
Serr, L.	Lawrenceburg, Ind.	38 94	124 25
Siermanns, J.	Chattanooga, O.	.....	.....
Soller, J.	Logan, O.	54 20	128 83
Spoehr, E. G.	Columbus, O.	125 67	333 75
Schuh, L. H.	Hamilton, O.	201 35	395 98
Trebel, G. H.	Chattanooga, O.	65 56	69 18
Vollmar, J.	Valley Crossing, O.	65 00	79 45
Waltner, E. J.	Weisburg, Ind.	81 00	64 00
Wendt, F.	Willow Dell, O.	17 00	10 25
Willert, H.	Anna, O.	296 16	309 10
Winterhoff, E. A.	Otwell, Ind.	.....	2 00
H. Koenig	.....	.....	.....

WISCONSIN DISTRICT.

Moneys Sent to the General Treasurer.

Name.	Location.	1894 to 1895.	1895 to 1896.
Alamschah, P.	W. Depere, Wis.	\$11 79	\$15 38
Alexander, A.	Caroline, Wis.	5 61	11 82
Allwardt, H. A.	Lebanon, Wis.	149 67	187 93
Allwardt, C. F. W.	Shelbyville, Ill.	103 03	141 34
Allwardt, J. J.	Philo, Ill.	20 17	50 85
Alpers, F.	Golden, Ill.	108 09	129 25
Barre, H.	Vandyne, Wis.	25 78	74 30
Bellon, W.	Seymour, Wis.	15 33	19 20
Dagefoerde, H.	Flanagan, Ill.	87 88	112 35
Damrow, F. W.	Burlington, Wis.	48 85	105 00
Doermann, J. H.	Blue Island, Ill.	180 00	312 00
Doermann, M. P. F.	Chicago, Ill.	25 00	37 46
Ehmke, J.	Wausau, Wis.	17 60	17 25
Ehmke, J.	Ziegler P. O., Wis.	24 16	21 75
Eisenbach, H.	Oconto, Wis.	22 50	63 25
Ernst, A. C.	S. Chicago, Ill.	26 70	42 30
Fendler, G.	Woodville, Wis.	2 00	28 50
Flathman, J.	Flanagan, Ill.	.....	12 00
Grombach, C.	Marion, Wis.	12 00	79 65
Hein, Paul.	S. Chicago, Ill.	2 50	61 30
Hass, H.	Greenville, Wis.	18 00	18 00
Holtermann, H.	Zittau, Wis.	72 00	103 75
Jurco, J.	Maple Works, Wis.	58 41	69 75
Kittel, G.	Gillespie, Ill.	22 69	2 79
Klindworth, J.	Galena, Ill.	73 35	114 28
Klindworth, G.	Schapville, Ill.	77 26	44 89
Knoll, R.	Mt. Olive, Ill.	167 50	373 60
Koepplin, J. M.	Oshkosh, Wis.	151 45	233 35
Kosche, D.	Beloit, Wis.	.....	.....
Kuesel, W.	Ephraim, Wis.	.....	.....
Marth, Theo.	Appleton, Wis.	136 88	355 16
Mittermaier, J.	Ixonia, Wis.	35 80	50 45
Meyer, H.	Lincoln, Ill.	22 67	86 25
Meyer, H.	Clintonville, Wis.	10 50	11 00
Neubauer, F. W.	Lanark, Wis.	.....	5 75
Ohlrogge, F.	Morgan, Wis.	53 36	116 85
.....	Leopolis, Wis.	.....	1 22
Proehl, F.	Cicero, Wis.	60 20	83 67
Reul, W.	Loyal, Wis.	4 01	10 81
Renz, Th.	Welga, Ill.	8 00	16 90
Renz, Th.	Pevely, Mo.	.....	2 35
Schmalz, C.	Wien, Wis.	9 48	7 71
Siegrist, J.	Green Bay, Wis.	135 00	181 70
Stumpf, J.	Crosstown, Mo.	2 50	11 00
Scheffler, A.	Oak Lawn, Ill.	73 25	76 44
Stubenvoll, F.	Pella, Wis.	5 10	8 40
Scheffler, A. H.	Merrill, Wis.	8 25	7 20
Schneider, L.	Aniwa, Wis.	.....	7 08
Telthorster, H.	Litchfield, Ill.	22 80	41 38
Vockrodt, A.	Yorkville, Ill.	41 35	131 50
Wischhof, A.	New Douglas, Ill.	17 45	56 82
Wickemeyer, H.	Michigan City, Ind.	179 29	427 73
Zum Hingst, H.	Rib Falls, Wis.	12 87	29 34

FIRST ENGLISH DISTRICT.

Moneys Sent to the General Treasurer.

Name.	Location.	1894 to 1895.	1895 to 1896.
Ackerman, C.	Lima, O.	\$4 55	\$88 14
Arnholt, W. E.	Wabash, Ind.	38 35	16 55
Bachman, C. W.	Glenford, O.	210 34	278 13
Baum, M. L.	Dayton, O.	50 85	88 20
Beck, A.	Hartville, O.		56 48
Beck, J.	Richmond, Ind.	34 45	73 79
Beighey, J.	Philo, O.	10 18	14 63
Cooperrider, G. T.	St. Paul, O.	95 24	138 77
Dietrich, A.	W. Carrollton, O.	41 00	64 10
Eckhardt, C. H.	Lima, O.	58 87	64 75
Rich, Th.	Canal Winchester, O.	68 57	186 72
Hamrick, C. F.	Canaan, O.	108 35	145 38
Harsh, W. E.	Junction City, O.	78 63	102 97
Hockman, M. H.	Huntington, Ind.	31 50	54 52
Hoffman, J. O.	Lima, O.	25 50	52 05
Hunt, L. M.	Thornville, O.	143 63	183 52
Hurrelbrink, L. H.	Farmersville, O.	61 25	118 50
Kibler, W. M.	Youngstown, O.		7 20
Krum, C. E.	Piqua, O.	11 50	94 10
Lauffer, M. F.	Lithopolis, O.	59 10	118 60
Lehmann, W. H.	Lima, O.		
Long, G. J.	New Lebanon, O.	68 25	59 63
Long, S. F.	Columbus, O.	21 16	174 60
Loufman, J. L.	Petersburg, O.	49 00	105 46
Lose, G. W.	Allegheny, Pa.	84 55	113 50
Mautz, S. W.	Circleville, O.	180 04	396 74
Mong, G. F.	Navarre, O.	55 15	53 42
Mosher, J. P.	Benton, O.	2 85	22 00
Mueller, J. F.	Goshen, Ind.	15 50	68 00
Oglesby, O. S.	Pittsburg, Pa.	10 00	73 39
Pauschert, G. F.	Fostoria, O.	26 50	74 25
Pence, C. H.	Kilgore, O.	11 95	25 45
Peter, M. L.	La Paz, Ind.		4 30
Pfeiffer, E.	Fremont, O.	258 30	280 50
Price, W. H.	Waynesburg, O.	233 26	322 30
Price, W. H.	Detroit, Mich.		10 00
Reiner, C. M.	Avalon, Pa.		8 11
Schillinger, B. F.	Canal Fulton, O.	107 76	135 67
Schmidt, G. P.	Eaton, O.	77 90	116 19
Schmucker, G. M.	Canton, O.	68 87	97 89
Sheatsley, J.	Delaware, O.	186 60	306 54
Simon, D.	Prospect, O.	79 56	133 56
Stellhorn, E. F. W.	West Alexandria, O.	129 61	248 75
Swinehart, P. S.	Sandusky, O.		23 00
Tressel, E. G.	Columbus, O.	142 46	369 88
Tressel, E. G.	Columbus, O., West Side	2 70	1 83
Walter, M. R.	Loudonville, O.	117 00	151 14
Winkler, S. J.	Gahanna, O.	68 70	94 36
Weber, O.	Massillon, O.	22 50	23 50
Young, E. A.	Somerset, O.	92 75	320 91

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

Moneys Sent to the General Treasurer.

Name.	Location.	1894 to 1895.	1895 to 1896.
Buechler, C.	Peninsular, Ore.	16 51	26 56
Eberle, Ad.	Walla Walla, Wash.	3 13	18 38
Gillmann, A.	Ritzville, Wash.	9 40	30 30
Grey, L.	Oregon City Ore.		
Groschupf, P.	Spokane, Wash.	5 00	25 00
Haase, E.	La Grande, Ore.		1 45
Horn, A.	The Dalles, Ore.	2 25	
Krause, A.	Portland, Ore.	17 22	15 05
Kuehner, G.	Winlock, Wash.	20 75	29 13
Mack, R.	Tacoma, Wash.	38 80	58 50
Mollenauer, S.	Spokane, Wash.	12 00	39 15
Oertel, J. F.	Longbranch, Wash.		9 00
Rieke, H.	Fairfield, Wash.	8 00	23 55
Seeger, W. F.	Monrovia, Cal.		14 00
Voss, C. W.	Cameron, Idaho.	10 55	13 00
Wittrock, H.	Mink, Ore.		6 00
Wuebben, P. G.	Almira, Wash.		1 00
	Davenport, Wash.	18 65	15 65

CONCORDIA DISTRICT.

Moneys Sent to the General Treasurer.

Name.	Location.	1894 to 1895.	1895 to 1896.
Ackler, H.	Baltimore, Md.		\$48 41
Beach, C. D.	Hickory, N. C.	\$15 18	62 20
Doermann, J. E. A.	Washington, D. C.	55 75	93 78
Doermann, H. K. G.	Blowing Rock, N. C.		14 30
Galloday, R. E.	Baltimore, Md.	21 15	38 25
Hunt, G. L.	Newton, N. C.		
Hufnagel, C. A.	Rockdale, Md.	11 46	26 77
Johnson, Taylor.	Baltimore, Md.	3 00	2 50
Kibler, J. L.	Cabin Hill, Va.	12 95	11 76
Krieger, J. O.	Bosley, Md.	1 00	3 25
Lutz, J. H.	Dovesville, Va.	27 62	45 80
Propes, L. P.	Sugar Grove, W. Va.	4 41	5 00
Rexrode, J. H.	Peru, W. Va.	29 62	46 38
Rexrode, J. H.	Claremont, N. C.	3 06	28 58
Snapp, D. E.	Baltimore, Md.	16 32	200 00
Senter, J. M.	Petersburg, W. Va.	13 54	24 54
Senter, J. M.	Masonville, W. Va.	5 45	2 24
Trussel, E. L. S.	Baltimore, Md.	270 75	272 17
Trussel, W. E.	Mt. Winans, Md.	19 35	46 48
Wannemacher, G. R.	Joppa, Md.	54 30	120 05
Wannemacher, J. H.	Carpenter, N. C.		3 35
Wannemacher, J. H.	Newbury, W. Va.	6 50	3 55
Westenbarger, B. I.	Harden, N. C.		7 50

TEXAS DISTRICT.

Moneys Sent to the General Treasurer.

Name.	Location.	1894 to 1895.	1895 to 1896.
Doescher, J. F.....	Westfield, Tex.....		\$1 55
Gohdes, C. B.....	New Orleans, La.....	\$135 00	162 25
Grueber, F.....	New Berlin, Tex.....		80 25
Hummel, W.....	Castroville, Tex.....	15 00	44 80
Steinmann, W.....	Fredericksburg, Tex.....	6 50	27 80
Weisskopf, F.....	Seguin, Tex.....	12 80	29 35

MISCELLANEOUS.—Personal contributions from persons not credited to any congregation, \$504.06.

CONCLUSION.

I herewith extend to President Schuette, Manager Trauger and other officers and all members of Joint Synod my sincere thanks for the many favors and kindnesses shown me the past two years, and for the trust conferred.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. HEER, *Treasurer.*

JOINT SYNOD TREASURER.

REPORT FROM AUG. 10, 1894, TO AUG. 16, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

1894.

To balance in treasury on settlement, Aug. 10.....	\$ 95 13
Sept. 10, to cash Northern District, Rev. H. P. Dannecker, treasurer, old account	40 00
Sept. 20, to cash 1st English District, Rev. Theo. H. E. Eich, treasurer, old account	25 00
Oct. 22, to cash Northern District, Rev. H. P. Dannecker, treasurer, old account	60 00
Oct. 26, to cash Northern District, Rev. H. P. Dannecker, treasurer, old account	23 20
Nov. 17, to cash Minnesota District, Teacher H. Bammann, treasurer, old account	25 00

1895.

April 22, to cash Texas District, Rev. Franz Weiskopf, treasurer, old account	15 00
June 3, to cash Northern District, Rev. H. P. Dannecker, treasurer, old account	15 50
Sept. 30, 2d English District, Mr. G. A. Dobler, treasurer, old account	36 35

1894.

Oct. 29, to cash Eastern District, Rev. H. J. Reimann, new account	35 63
Nov. 12, to cash Wisconsin District, Rev. Theo. Marth, new account	16 88
Nov. 13, to cash Kansas and Nebraska District, Rev. C. Dagefoerde, new account.....	3 75
Nov. 17, to cash Minnesota District, Teacher H. Bammann, new account	14 38
Nov. 22, to cash Washington District, Rev. G. Kuehner, new account	8 26

1895.

Jan. 1, to cash Eastern District, Rev. H. J. Reimann, new account	34 71
March 19, to cash Eastern District, Rev. H. J. Reimann, new account	36 55
April 16, to cash Western District, Rev. Phil. Schmidt, new account	15 00

1895

April 19, to cash Kansas and Nebraska District, Rev. C. Dagefoerde, new account	\$ 7 50
April 22, to cash Texas District, Rev. Franz Weiskopf, new account	7 50
April 23, to cash Washington District, Rev. G. Kuehner, new account	8 00
May 4, to cash Minnesota District, Teacher H. Bammann, new account	14 38
May 20, to cash Western District, Rev. Phil. Schmidt, new account	155 00
June 3, to cash Northern District, Rev. H. P. Dannecker, new account	29 10
June 6, to cash Wisconsin District, Rev. Theo. Marth, new account	20 00
July 5, to cash Wisconsin District, Rev. Theo. Marth, new account	10 75
July 13, to cash 1st English District, Rev. Theo. H. E. Eich, new account	45 00
July 17, to cash Eastern District, Teacher W. A. Trapp, new account	35 63
Oct. 19, to cash Washington District, Rev. G. Kuehner, new account	16 26
Oct. 27, to cash 1st English District, Rev. Theo. H. E. Eich, new account	70 00
Oct. 27, to cash 1st English District, Rev. Theo. H. E. Eich, new account	180 90
Nov. 2, to cash Wisconsin District, Rev. Theo. Marth, new account	19 87
Nov. 18, to cash 2d English District, Rev. J. H. Rexrode, new account	15 00
Dec. 24, to cash Northern District, Teach. A. G. Linsenmann, new account	51 25

1896.

Jan. 29, to cash Minnesota District, Teacher H. Bammann, new account	43 13
April 22, to cash Northern District, Teacher A. G. Linsenmann, new account	51 25
April 22, to cash Eastern District, Teacher W. A. Trapp, new account	35 63
April 22, to cash Wisconsin District, Rev. Theo. Marth, new account	33 76
April 24, to cash 2d English District, Rev. J. H. Rexrode, new account	20 00
April 27, to cash Texas District, Rev. Franz Weiskopf, new account	7 50
April 29, to cash Kansas and Nebraska District, Rev. C. Dagefoerde, new account	11 25

1896

May 23, to cash Western District, Rev. Phil. Schmidt, new account	\$170 00
June 2, to cash Eastern District, Teacher W. A. Trapp, new account	35 63
July 22, to cash Kansas and Nebraska District, Rev. C. Dagefoerde, treasurer, new account.....	7 50
July 25, to cash Wisconsin District Rev. Theo. Marth, treasurer, new account	33 74
Aug. 6, to cash Eastern District, Teacher W. A. Trapp, treasurer, new account	25 74

 \$1,661 61

DISBURSEMENTS.

1894.

Aug. 25, by cash to Rev. Price, English Sect., Voucher 1	\$1 50
Sept. 8, by cash to Rev. R. C. H. Lenski, Voucher 2	1 40
Sept. 10, by cash to Rev. H. W. Mohrhoff, Voucher 3	5 00
Sept. 20, by cash to Rev. J. Beck, Voucher 4	6 60
Oct. 17, by cash to Rev. J. L. Benzin, Voucher 5	6 40
Oct. 20, by cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, Voucher 6	8 00
Oct. 26, by cash to Rev. G. Dillmann, Voucher 7	2 20
Oct. 26, by cash to Rev. H. P. Dannecker, Voucher 7.....	7 00
Oct. 26, by cash to Rev. W. F. Helle, Voucher 7	6 00
Oct. 26, by cash to Rev. G. F. H. Meiser, Voucher 7.....	8 00
Nov. 12, by cash to Rev. Johann Vollmar, Voucher 8	13 50
Nov. 12, by cash to Rev. R. C. H. Lenski, Voucher 9	7 10
Nov. 13, by cash to Mr. J. L. Trauger, Agent, Voucher 10 ..	175 00
Dec. 10, by cash to Rev. E. A. Boehme, Voucher 11.....	15 50
Dec. 12, by cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, Voucher 12	3 75
Dec. 12, by cash to Rev. J. L. Benzin, Voucher 13	3 20
Dec. 17, by cash to Rev. H. P. Duborg, Voucher 14	28 00
Dec. 17, by cash to Mr. Adolph Wier, Voucher 14	11 38

1895.

Jan. 7, by cash to Mr. Adolph Wier, Voucher 15	10 00
Feb. 18, by cash to Rev. H. J. Schuh, Voucher 16	9 30
Feb. 18, by cash to Teacher Oberschulte, Voucher 17.....	8 00
March 20, by cash to Mr. J. L. Trauger, Agent, Voucher 18 ..	36 55
March 21, by cash to Rev. H. Eisenbach, Voucher 19	19 38
March 27, by cash to Rev. M. C. Hecht, Voucher 20	2 50
April 23, by cash to Mr. J. L. Trauger, Agent, Voucher 21....	50 00
May 4, by cash to Mr. Adolph Wier, Voucher 22	14 38
May 20, by cash to Rev. M. C. Hecht, Voucher 23	10 10
May 20, by cash to Mr. Fred Rogge, Voucher 24	4 50
May 20, by cash to Mr. J. L. Trauger, Agent, Voucher 25	140 40
June 3, by cash to Rev. W. F. Helle, Voucher 26	5 60
June 3, by cash to Rev. H. P. Dannecker, Voucher 26.....	7 00
June 3, by cash to Rev. W. F. Helle, Voucher 26	12 00

1895.

June 3, by cash to Mr. J. L. Trauger, Agent, Voucher 27	20 00
June 6, by cash to Rev. H. Eisenbach, Voucher 28	20 00
June 6, by cash to Rev. R. C. H. Lenski, Voucher 29	8 00
July 5, by cash to Rev. H. Wickemeyer, Voucher 30	10 75
July 13, by cash to Rev. R. C. H. Lenski, Voucher 31	1 65
July 23, by cash to Mr. J. L. Trauger, Agent, Voucher 32	35 63
July 23, by cash to Rev. E. A. Boehme, Voucher 33	18 00
July 23, by cash to Mr. Louis Weirick, Voucher 34	12 00
July 23, by cash to Rev. M. C. Hecht, Voucher 35	5 00
July 23, by cash to Rev. J. L. Benzin, Voucher 36	3 20
July 23, by cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, Voucher 37	6 00
Aug. 2, by cash to Rev. R. C. H. Lenski, Voucher 38	1 40
Sept. 30, by cash to Mr. J. L. Trauger, Agent, Voucher 39	36 35
Oct. 26, by cash to Rev. H. P. Dannecker, Voucher 40	7 00
Oct. 26, by cash to Rev. W. F. Helle, Voucher 40	6 00
Oct. 26, by cash to Rev. H. Jaeger, Voucher 40	7 00
Oct. 26, by cash to Rev. J. L. Benzin, Voucher 40	3 20
Oct. 28, by cash to Mr. J. L. Trauger, Agent, Voucher 41	201 39
Nov. 2, by cash to Rev. H. W. Allwardt, Voucher 42	7 92
Nov. 2, by cash to Rev. J. M. Koepplin, Voucher 42	7 93
Dec. 8, by cash to Mr. Fred Rogge, Voucher 43	9 00
Dec. 11, by cash to Rev. E. A. Boehme, Voucher 44	14 00
Dec. 11, by cash to Rev. J. L. Benzin, Voucher 45	3 20

1896.

Feb. 11, by cash to Rev. W. F. Helle, Voucher 46	12 00
March 11, by cash to Rev. H. J. Schuh, Voucher 47	7 30
March 11, by cash to Rev. R. C. H. Lenski, Voucher 48	2 80
March 23, by cash to Rev. G. H. Trebel, Voucher 49	8 20
June 2, by cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, Voucher 50	7 70
June 24, by cash to Mr. C. Nagel, Voucher 51	15 65
June 24, by cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, Voucher 52	3 70
June 24, by cash to Rev. J. L. Benzin, Voucher 53	3 20
June 24, by cash to Rev. M. C. Hecht, Voucher 54	5 00
July 3, by cash to Rev. J. M. Koepplin, Voucher 55	7 96
July 21, by cash to Rev. E. A. Boehme, Voucher 56	18 00
July 21, by cash to Mr. Louis Glueck, Voucher 57	8 00
July 21, by cash to Rev. M. C. Hecht, Voucher 58	2 50
July 21, by cash to Rev. J. L. Benzin, Voucher 59	3 20
July 25, by cash to Rev. Hugo Willert, Voucher 60	2 50
July 25, by cash to Rev. H. Wickemeyer, Voucher 61	15 00
July 25, by cash to Rev. H. A. Allwardt, Voucher 61	9 50
Aug. 6, by cash to Mr. C. Nagel, Voucher 62	3 80
Aug. 11, by cash to Rev. R. C. H. Lenski, Voucher 63	4 20

 \$1,227 74

SUMMARY.

Total receipts	\$ 1,661 61
Total disbursements	1,227 74
August 16, 1896, balance in the treasury	\$ 433 87
Balance due from the Districts 1894 until 1896—	
Northern District	\$ 97 50
Eastern District	45 48
Minnesota District	43 11
Washington District	32 48
Texas District	15 00
First English District	115 00
Concordia District	30 00
	\$ 378 57
Kansas and Nebraska District, 1892 until 1894	30 00
	\$ 408 57

C. H. NAGEL, *Treasurer.**Springfield, O., Aug. 16, 1896.*

PASTORS' AND TEACHERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

FROM AUGUST 21, 1894, TO AUGUST 12, 1896.

Receipts from August 21, 1894, to August 12, 1896 ...	\$ 1,715 17
Debt in treasury August 21, 1894	44 64
Expenditures during the same time	1,662 04
Cash in treasury	\$ 53 18

The following widows and old pastors received support:

Mrs. C. Deiss, Bucyrus, O	\$ 425 00
Mrs. A. Ebert, Allegheny, Pa	225 00
Mrs. D. Lange, Springfield, Minn	126 00
Mrs. Kuehn, Springfield, Minn	164 45
Past. Emer. C. Reichert, Grove City, O	150 00
Past. Emer. Molthan, Woodville, O	147 50
Mrs. A. Eisenschmid, Parkersburg, Iowa	25 00
Mrs. F. Zur Muehlen, Cincinnati, O	100 00
Past. Emer. H. Bock, West Depere, Wis	50 00
Past. Emer. A. Pohl, Haviland, O	*300 00
Mrs. A. Widmann, Columbus, O	100 00
Mrs. Ther. Huebner, Toledo, O	50 00
Mrs. H. A. Schmidt, Salem, O	25 00

Respectfully submitted,

G. MOCHEL, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE ON TREASURERS' REPORTS, AND FINANCES.

The papers handed to your committee for consideration are the reports of the treasurers of

1. The General Treasury of the Ohio Synod;
2. The Woodville Seminary;
3. St. Paul Seminary;

and other documents thereto pertaining.

* This was a special contribution of two brethren for this brother. He did not desire any support from this treasury.

Your committee begs leave to report the following:

The General Treasurer deplotes the fact that the current expenses have not been covered by the receipts. He is of the opinion that this year's Easter collection which reached the sum of \$21,742.46, would have covered the current expenses up to July 1, 1896, had he not been compelled to pay certain notes which came due.

1. Inasmuch as our President in his travels in the interest of Synod is sometimes not within reach of our Treasurer when he must make necessary loans which require the President's signature, your committee moves that Prof. Geo. K. Leonard be herewith authorized to sign notes in cases of such emergency.

2. The Treasurer is of the opinion that all trust funds and legacies of all our institutions should be reported to the General Treasurer. Your committee recommends that this be done, and that an annual minute report be made to him by the Treasurers of the various institutions of all bequests and funds invested and of all revenues from whatever source.

3. Respecting the collections for the General Treasury during the past two years, 1894-96, we have reason to thank God that our annual income has been comparatively good, and this should inspire us with the confident hope that with God's help we can repeat and even exceed during the next two years that which we have done in the past.

4. In view of the fact that our expenses still exceed our income we recommend that our Synod limit the annual appropriations to the different institutions to \$24,500 as follows:

1. To Capital University \$9,000, exclusive of all income.
2. To Woodville Seminary \$3,500, exclusive of all income.
3. To St. Paul Seminary \$4,000.
4. To Hickory Seminary \$2,000.
5. To Wernle Orphans' Home \$5,000.
6. To St. John Lutheran Home \$1,000.

5. *Resolved*, That one-fifth (1-5) of the net profit of our Book Concern be annually paid into the General Treasury of Synod.

6. In order that we may not increase, but decrease, our indebtedness and meet our obligations we request our congregations to increase their average contributions.

7. With reference to the raising of the salaries of the officers and professors by the respective Boards without having first consulted the Synod as such, we recommend that the various boards be given the power to fix salaries.

We recommend that the increase of salary voted to Prof. Gauff of the Woodville Seminary be approved by Synod.

8. The report of the Treasurer of the Ohio Synod, C. Nagel, has been audited and found correct.

9. *Resolved*, That we extend a vote of thanks to the Treasurers of our institutions, and our General Treasurer, for the faithful discharge of their duty.

10. Respecting scholarships and legacies we congratulate our worthy President on his success in securing a number of these, and we request our pastors to assist him in this work.

11. We express our gratitude to Rev. G. Baughman and wife, Eaton, Ohio, for having made a beginning in the endowment of theological professorships in our institutions, and we hope that other men in our church will follow this noble example.

12. In response to a recommendation of our worthy President to set apart special seasons or days for stated collections, we propose the following:

a) That the Christmas season collections be for the General Treasury in the interest of the Orphans' Home.

b) That the Easter collections flow into the General Treasury.

c) That the Pentecost collections be for the Synodical Treasuries.

d) That the Children's Day and Missionary Festival offerings flow into the mission treasury.

e) That the Harvest Festival collections be for the General Treasury.

f) That the collections at the Reformation Festival services be for the Church Building Fund.

13. With reference to the report of the Treasurer of Foreign Missions, we beg leave to state that we have examined the accounts and find the report correct.

14. With reference to the Treasurer's report of the Pastors' and Teachers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, we are able to state that the accounts agree with the report except in one

item, namely: Rev. Bock received \$75.00 instead of \$50.00 as stated in the report.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

In connection with item 3, the General Treasurer stated that our contributions from '94 to '96 were \$12,000 more than from '92 to '94, and that our collections for all purposes amounted to about \$89,000, which is certainly encouraging and should move to gratitude toward God.

Under item 12 it was said that this resolution is not to interfere with or disturb those congregations which have a good and definite plan in raising funds for our Synodical work.

All other changes made by Synod are incorporated in the committee's report.

DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

CONSOLIDATION OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

Your committee has in hands the printed reports of the different Boards of Synod's institutions of learning and a number of communications pertaining to the internal affairs of said institutions. Your committee reports the following:

Since, of late, there have been voices raised advocating that the seminaries at St. Paul, Minn., and Hickory, N. C., be abolished as seminaries, and since official petitions of the Eastern, Western and Texas Districts and a letter from Rev. W. H. Price pertaining to this case have been delivered into the hands of your committee—therefore we, after considering this matter carefully, concluded to recommend, that the honorable Synod do not as yet abolish these seminaries.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

For the committee's report the following was offered as a substitute: *Resolved*, That our theological seminaries be consolidated.

In support of this substitute it was said, that it is not the intention, if the seminaries be united, to close our institutions at Hickory and St. Paul, but still to use these schools as preparatory and as feeders to Columbus. With our present arrangement it is impossible to give our students a thorough theological training. When it is remembered that our professors at Columbus, for example, devote fully half of their time to college work, it must be apparent that justice cannot be done theological students. Arrangements should be made by which at least three professors could give their entire attention to theological work. The idea was also expressed, that the uniting of our theological

institutions did not mean the abolishing of the practical department. Practical work could still be continued. The object obtained would be to have but one theological school. It would be a saving of expenses and a positive gain in teaching force.

To this it was replied, that St. Paul was established a few years ago because of the pressing need of more men in the ministry. If now this institution were closed and our people informed that the emergency has been met, that the Practical Seminary at St. Paul has subserved the end for which it was established, certainly our people would regard the movement as a blind one and a great squandering of money. It would have the effect to dampen the zeal and interest of our people in that section, for our people there have not only learned to love this institution, but feel a special interest in it, since nearly all our pastors in the West, with few exceptions, have been educated there. Moreover, if it is desirable to separate our college and theological seminary at Columbus, there are still better reasons why a Theoretical and Practical Seminary should be kept separate. And if our theological seminaries are united, it is evident that theoretical and practical students cannot attend the same classes, but, in many cases at least, separate classes would have to be formed. Moreover, if St. Paul and Hickory are continued as preparatory schools, it would require an increase of teaching force and consequently an increase in money, and we ought by all means at this meeting of Synod avoid every step that would have the appearance of increasing our expenses. And if it is said that we have an over-production of ministers now, this must be regarded as a great and serious mistake. The thirteen candidates of theology at St. Paul this year have received and accepted calls. There can never be an over-production of ministers of the right kind—men imbued with the spirit of Christ and zeal for His work. The command of Christ, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest," is applicable to all time. It is the money question, our financial embarrassment, that has brought this agitation forward. Give us plenty of money and there will be no thought of closing or consolidating these institutions. It is certainly a desire devoutly to be wished that our theological seminary at Columbus should be separated from the college, and the standard

of education raised. To this end Synod should ever labor until the object is attained. If St. Paul and Hickory were closed as practical seminaries, it would only be a few years when the demand for ministers would be as great as ever.

The substitute was finally rejected and the original motion of the committee adopted by a decided majority.

CHANGING THE BENEFICIARY SYSTEM.

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

2. The Eastern District sent in the following:

"For various reasons, but especially on account of our straitened financial condition, and also because no other Synod is so liberal in the support of indigent students, we propose to recommend to Joint Synod that it change the beneficiary system hitherto in vogue among us as follows:

a) Every student shall be required to defray his boarding expenses himself.

b) That the support which is furnished those students who have the ministry or the profession of teacher in view, after the second year shall consist in not requiring tuition and room rent from them.

c) That even this support be furnished only to those students of our institutions, except Hickory, who show evidence of a decided Christian character, who are faultless in behavior, who annually pass a good examination, and especially endeavor to become proficient enough in both languages, English and German, to preach and teach fluently in both.

This is however not to exclude indigent students who desire to derive their support for the necessary expenses from their home congregations or from others, nor should these conditions prevail and be enforced immediately, but gradually, *i. e.* with those who shall enter our institutions after such or similar measures have been taken by Joint Synod."

Your committee would recommend that these motions of the Eastern District concerning beneficiaries be adopted.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

It was said that we have deviated from the original idea of the beneficiary system, which was to refund, whenever possible, in later years the money advanced for support. This has been done only very rarely. With our present arrangement of the beneficiary system Synod often supports unworthy students. It often happens that students who attend our schools after a number of years prove unfaithful, or for some cause leave, so that the money spent in their education is lost to the church. If, however, they were required to pay their board, we should lose nothing through them, even though they should leave the school or quit the ministry, since our professors can easily teach a few more without inconvenience or increase of labor. Moreover, we often support students who could support themselves, if not entirely, at least in part. Pastors often hesitate to give all and the real facts in the case. Besides our present system begets a moral influence which should not be overlooked. If our students would be required to pay board, it would be an incentive to stir them to greater diligence, effort and economy. It would wipe out that distinction which now exists between self-supporters and beneficiaries and place all on the same level. Discipline of students is also made more difficult and faulty with our present system. The plan proposed by the Preliminary Committee is the same which is in vogue in other Synods and works admirably. Why should the same not be the case among us? If there are worthy young men who desire to study for the ministry, but are poor in this world's goods, there are certainly friends or congregations who will come to their aid.

On the other hand it was remarked that the plan proposed would very considerably decrease our number of students and we would lose many worthy young men for Christ's cause. Let us not forget that the greater number of our ministers were beneficiaries and that the growth of our Synod is due principally to this fact. The whole system as we have it at present is interwoven in our organism as a Synod. Let us correct abuses and keep our system. Let us limit the number of beneficiaries and receive only such as are of good Christian character.

At the last session of Synod, however, the proposed change of the beneficiary system by the Preliminary Committee was adopted by a good majority.

MODE OF ELECTION IN CASE OF A VACANCY IN A PROFESSORSHIP.**REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.**

Upon a petition from the Wisconsin District your committee proposes: that in case a professorship become vacant between the meeting of Joint Synod, the mode of election shall be as follows:

a) The Board of the respective institution shall nominate candidates for the vacant professorship and publish their names in the church papers, calling upon all pastors and congregations of Synod, within four weeks to name additional candidates if they desire to do so, or to protest against the nomination of candidates by the Board if they deem it necessary; and after the expiration of said four weeks the respective Board shall, duly considering the protests, if any have been raised, elect a man from among the number of candidates nominated.

b) In connection with another point in the above communication, we recommend that the Boards of all Synodical institutions be held not to go beyond but to adhere strictly to the instructions of Synod.

BY-LAWS.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Your committee, appointed to propose further necessary By-laws at the next meeting of Joint Synod, begs leave to report as follows:

SEC. 5. Rights and Duties of the Vice-Presidents of Joint Synod.—

a. The Vice-Presidents shall represent the President at his request in all functions in whose performance he is prevented.

b. Whenever the President becomes unable to serve, as in case of his death, the First Vice-President shall be the next to occupy his place to the expiration of his official term.

SEC. 6. Rights and Duties of the Secretaries of Joint Synod.—

a. The Secretaries shall announce the meeting of Synod two months in advance, shall record the minutes during the meeting, attend to their publication after their approval by the President, also to their distribution, and deposit all important papers in the archives.

b. The Secretaries shall keep a correct list of all district delegates and other members of Synod, stating whether they are voting or advisory members.

c. The Secretaries shall in the name of Synod prepare all papers and attest all documents, the German Secretary those in the German, the English Secretary those in the English language.

d. In case of disability of the Secretary, or in case of his death, the President shall appoint another in his stead.

SEC. 7. Rights and Duties of Treasurer of Joint Synod.—

a. The Treasurer shall collect quarter-annually the quotas of the District Synods, pay out all properly appropriated sums and take receipts therefor, and at every meeting of Joint Synod, or when desired by the President, render an account.

b. In case of disability of the Treasurer, or in case of his death, the President shall appoint another in his stead.

SEC. 8. Mode of Election.—

The election of the members of the different Boards, Treasurers, Standing Committees and Agent of the Book Concern shall take place as follows:

a. The District Presidents constitute a committee to nominate two candidates for each office.

b. The list of candidates shall be laid before Synod for approval.

c. A ticket, containing all approved candidates, shall be printed.

d. An Election Board, consisting of one pastor, one teacher and one lay delegate, shall be appointed by the President, to supervise the election, keep a correct list of voters and announce the result to Synod.

e. Time of election, if not otherwise ordered, shall be on Saturday from 7:00—10:00 a. m.

SEC. 9. Preliminary Committee.—

The Preliminary Committee, consisting of four members of each district, two pastors and two delegates, having previously been announced to the President by the respective District Secretary, shall meet two days before meeting of Synod. This committee shall look over all reports and other business coming before Synod, prepare necessary motions and resolutions, and agree on an order of business. At the meeting of the Preliminary Committee also the Presidents of the different Boards and Institutions shall be present.

SEC. 10. The Archives of Synod.—

The Archives of Synod shall be kept in the Institution building at Columbus, O., and Archivist shall be the Housefather of said Institution. He shall keep and complete an Inventory of the Archives, have charge of all documents, such as minutes of Joint and District Synods, letters, opinions, etc., and arrange them according to years. He is not permitted to remove any document from the Archives without direction of the President, and shall be responsible for same to Synod. In his presence any member of Synod shall have free access to the Archives.

SEC. 11. Statistician of Synod.—

The Synod elects a Statistician whose duty it shall be, to publish annually in the church papers, based on the parochial reports, handed in at the District Synods, a statistical report concerning the growth and general activity of Synod.

Respectfully, your committee,

E. A. BOEHME,
A. PFLUEGER,
H. J. SCHUH.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

1. With a few changes, which were inserted in the By-Laws, they were adopted as above given.

2. Upon Sec. 3, Chap. IV of the Constitution, which reads "It is left to the Districts to entitle teachers to a vote," a ballot was taken, but failing to receive the necessary three-fourths majority vote, it was lost. Since, however, in the vote taken it became evident that there was a misunderstanding, by the special request of the teachers present, this section is to be voted on again in two years.

3. For Sec. 2 of By-Laws the following substitute was offered by the Washington District:

We move that Sec. 2 of By-Laws be changed to read as follows: "The traveling expenses shall be equally divided among all. The General President shall appoint a committee before the meeting of Synod to whom all the delegates are to report their expenses, after which the committee shall equalize the expenses."

The substitute was adopted, and it was resolved that the honorable President appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to equalize the traveling expenses of delegates to this Synod and report at a later session. The committee's report reads as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRAVELING EXPENSES.

Your committee reports that it has ascertained what are the traveling expenses of the voting delegates and finds the average amount of each delegate, whether clerical or lay, to be \$13.40. Inasmuch as the majority of the delegates are not prepared at this session to pay their portion to equalize the traveling expenses, your committee has received only \$89.55, and out of this amount \$15.00 have been paid to even up the accounts of two delegates. Your committee has in hands the sum of \$74.55, and with reference to this matter moves that Synod appoint a treasurer who shall receive and disburse this money and to whom the amounts yet due from delegates shall be sent for distribution. We further move that all who will be able to get cheaper rates in returning home than they have figured on, be held to send in or mention the amount so saved, in order that the appointed treasurer be able to pay out to one delegate whose expenses were reported too late to be taken into this account, his proper share of the expenses.

Your committee,

C. BUECHLER,
L. F. MEYER,
J. J. SCHAEFER.

Rev. L. F. Meyer, Canton, Ohio, was appointed chairman of this committee.

4. It was resolved, that all advisory members who are required by the Constitution to attend Synod, receive their traveling expenses from the Synodical treasury.

5. Upon the request of the Hon. President, a committee was appointed to draft some parliamentary rules which shall guide Synod in the transaction of its business and report the same in two years. The committee consists of Dir. Theo. Mees, Rev. E. Pfeiffer, Prof. C. Ackermann, Prof. C. F. Theiss and Mr. Jacob Scheets. The General President was also added to this committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed to examine the report of the General President of the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and other States, and some miscellaneous matters, begs leave to offer the following report:

We recommend the report of our worthy President to the earnest attention and consideration of Synod.

Especially do we invite the attention of Synod to the statements on pages 4 and 5 of English report concerning the advantages and disadvantages which may result from the change to a delegate body and move the adoption of his recommendations.

CONCERNING CLOSING WORDS OF SECOND PARAGRAPH.

a) We consider that in this respect our worthy President has performed his full duty.

b) We recommend that Joint Synod resolve that it be satisfactory if our worthy President visit the farthest outlying Districts of Synod at least once in two years.

LIMA COLLEGE. PARAGRAPH IV (a).

Upon this subject, we recommend to this venerable body the adoption of the following resolutions:

a) That Lima College is only a private institution.

b) That we cannot look with favor upon the fact that members of our Synod collect moneys in our congregations for the support of private institutions or that members give sustenance to or send students to the same in so far as such work cripples the institutions of Synod.

LUTHER LEAGUE. PARAGRAPH IV (c).

Resolved, That the Luther League question be referred to our District Synods for comprehensive and thorough discussion, and that our General President be requested to present at

the next convention of Joint Synod an outline of underlying principles and methods touching this question.

MEETING OF DISTRICT PRESIDENTS. PARAGRAPH V (a).

Upon this subject we move that the General President's recommendation be approved.

SEAL. PARAGRAPH V (c).

We move that Synod procure a seal; and that a committee be appointed to report on the subject before the close of this meeting of Synod.

PRIVATE PETITIONS FOR AID. PARAGRAPH V (d).

Concerning this subject, we move that the General President's recommendation be approved.

REQUESTS.

Concerning paragraph V (g) we move that the General President's suggestion be adopted.

CONCLUSION.

We heartily agree with the concluding remarks in the President's report and recommend that his report be printed in the Minutes.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

a) Item 2, Paragraph IV a, pertaining to Lima College, after a lengthy discussion, was adopted. Prof. C. Ackermann, President of the Lima College, stated that he could readily accept the propositions of the committee if it were not for the false impression they would make, as if Synod stood opposed to Lima College. That Lima College is at present a private institution is true, yet the initial steps which led to the establishing of this school were not of a private character, but were taken in the English District, in which body the matter was discussed for several years. That Lima College works injuriously to any of our institutions, and especially Columbus, is certainly a misapprehension; on the contrary, a number of students have been sent from Lima College to Columbus. That Lima College extended its course and introduced a classic, literary and scientific course, became necessary in order to compete with other normals. To

the question: Does Lima College collect money in our congregations for its work? it was replied, that Lima does not collect money in our congregations as such, but only privately from individuals. In this regard the authorities of Lima College have, in their judgment, not injured or crippled the work of our Synodical institutions. Yet it must be admitted that we have a right to collect money to educate our daughters as well as our sons.

It was further said in this connection, that it is not the object of the proposed resolution to pass judgment upon Lima College, nor does any one suspect those brethren interested in Lima College of disloyalty to Synod, but there exists a difference of judgment in regard to their right and privilege to collect money from individuals in our congregations. The object of this resolution is to emphasize the fact, that Lima College is not a Synodical, but a private institution, and that in its work it should not interfere with our Synodical institutions.

SYNODICAL SEAL.

Synod resolved to procure a seal, and selected the following design: Besides the name of Synod and the motto, *Soli Deo Gloria*, this seal is to contain also Luther's coat-of-arms, namely, a cross on a heart, in a rose, the whole surrounded by a circle. On motion the Gen. President was appointed to have such seal made.

ELECTIONS.

The Hon. President appointed the following committee to supervise the election: Rev. E. Gerfen, Teacher O. R. Patzwald and Mr. Christ Kah. The mode of election, adopted two years ago was pursued this year, with the following result:

SEMINARY BOARD, COLUMBUS, O.

Rev. M. C. Hecht, Dayton, O.	Mr. H. Holtermann, Columbus, O.
Rev. Geo. Dillmann, Fostoria, O.	Mr. H. Hüffelmann, Dayton, O.

SEMINARY BOARD, WOODVILLE, O.

Rev. P. Raether, Woodville, O.	Mr. J. H. Toepel, Detroit, Mich.
Tr. A. Oberschulte, Pemberville, O.	Mr. B. S. Otten, Woodville, O.

SEMINARY BOARD, ST. PAUL, MINN.

Rev. H. A. Allwardt, Lebanon, Wis.	Mr. F. C. Warnke, Springfield, Minn.
Rev. G. Paul, St. Paul, Minn.	

SEMINARY BOARD, HICKORY, N. C.

Rev. E. L. S. Tressel, Baltimore, Md.	Mr. E. L. Hunsucker, Newton, N. C.
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ORPHANS' HOME BOARD, RICHMOND, IND.

Rev. M. L. Baum, Dayton, O.	Mr. H. Koetter, Richmond, Ind.
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HOME MISSION BOARD, COLUMBUS, O.

Prof. K. Hemminghaus, Columbus, O.	Rev. J. Beck, Richmond, Ind.
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NEGRO MISSION BOARD, BALTIMORE, MD.

Rev. D. E. Snapp, Baltimore, Md.

HEBREW MISSION BOARD,* ALLEGHENY, PA.

Rev. A. R. Kuldell, Allegheny, Pa.	Mr. Jacob Kiefer, Allegheny, Pa.
Rev. G. W. Lose, Avalon, Pa.	

PUBLICATION BOARD, COLUMBUS, O.

Rev. J. Sheatsley, Delaware, O.	Mr. Jacob Scheetz, New Washington, O.
Rev. S. P. Long, Columbus, O.	

*Appointed by President.

PASTORS' AND TEACHERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. Bauch, Oak Harbor, O. Rev. G. Loewenstein, Holland, Ind.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN HOME BOARD, ALLEGHENY, PA.

Rev. H. J. Reimann, Oil City, Pa. Mr. L. Glueck, Youngstown, O.
Rev. A. R. Kuldell, Allegheny, Pa.

FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER.

Rev. J. G. Butz, Zelienople, Pa.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Prof. K. Hemminghaus, Columbus, O. Prof. A. Pflueger, Columbus, O.
Prof. G. K. Leonard, Columbus, O.

GENERAL TREASURER.

Mr. F. J. Heer, Columbus, O.

MANAGER OF BOOK CONCERN.

Mr. J. L. Trauger, Columbus, O.

STATISTICIAN OF SYNOD.

Rev. Wm. H. Price, Detroit, Mich.

MISCELLANEOUS.

REPORT OF PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

1. Union with Iowa Synod.

Concerning union with Iowa, we have communications from the Wisconsin and Texas Districts.

We recommend to this honorable body the adoption of the following resolutions:

Whereas, Since the meeting of Synod in 1894, the conditions in our Synod have not materially changed; therefore be it

Resolved, That this venerable body abide by the resolutions adopted two years ago. Page 132, a, Minutes of 1894.

2. Report of a committee of the Joint Synod appointed in 1894 concerning an appeal of Rev. F. W. Althoff.

a) We move that since the final decision cannot be rendered at this meeting, Joint Synod appoint a committee and give them full power to settle the matter.

b) We move that our worthy General President, the Presidents of the First English and Northern Districts constitute this committee.

3. Communication sent in by First English District concerning semi-centennial jubilee of our college at Columbus, O., in 1900 A. D.

1st. We move that such a jubilee be celebrated.

2d. That for this purpose a committee be appointed which shall consist of the members of the faculty and Board of Capital University here present, which committee shall report before the adjournment of this meeting.

4. Communication sent in by First English District requesting that Dr. Loy be relieved from teaching in order that he might devote his time to writing English Theological works.

We would indeed hail with gladness English theological works from the pen of our venerable Doctor, but believe that under existing conditions, Dr. Loy can with more profit to the church devote his time to the seminary students, and therefore

cannot recommend this communication of the First English District.

5. Communication of Detroit Local Conference concerning superannuated pastors and teachers.

Concerning this point we propose the following:

That the Detroit Local Conference formulate a complete plan and submit the same to the Northern District for their approval or rejection and then bring it before Joint Synod at their next meeting.

6. Communication of Detroit Teachers' Conference.

The committee would answer the petition of the teachers as follows:

That the petition be given in the hands of our worthy President with the request that he consider the interest of the teachers and try to procure, if possible, for them in a lawful way the permits for half-fare rates.

7. Parochial Report Blanks.

Upon this subject we can report that the majority of the Districts have adopted the Parochial Report Blanks.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Concerning item 3, pertaining to the semi-centennial jubilee of our college at Columbus, O., it was resolved to place this matter into the hands of the faculty and Board at Columbus, who, as a committee will report to Joint Synod in two years.

The committee appointed to investigate the appeal of Rev. F. W. Althoff were instructed to act once. See item 2.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Your committee has in hands:

1. The charges of Rev. E. Cronenwett against the faculty of Capital University.

Inasmuch as already a number of years ago the honorable faculty of Capital University has acknowledged that a wrong has been done by receiving a young man of the congregation at Butler, Pa., as a beneficiary in Capital University without asking for a recommendation from his pastor—a fact which seems to

have been overlooked by the other party—we are of the opinion that the matter should therewith have been settled. We, therefore, recommend that the congregation in Butler be informed of the faculty's position by the Secretary of Synod, and that we at the same time express our hearty regrets that the congregation has suffered so much in consequence of this unpleasant affair of long standing. (See Eng. Min. '94, p. 134).

NOTE.—The following extract from the Faculty Records of September 4, 1896, gives the letter here referred to. The record reads:

The following action was taken in the matter of Rev. E. Cronenwett versus the Faculty:

"Resolved, That in the reception of Student Harley without the testimonial of his pastor, the Faculty committed a mistake, and that we regret very much if any trouble to the congregation at Butler arose from this our oversight.

"We furthermore declare that such has been the opinion of the Faculty all along and that we had been under the impression that this had been communicated to the pastor at Butler before this."

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT PRESIDENTS ON THE ABOVE.

Resolved, That we print that part of the committee report on appeals referring to the Butler matter contained in the Minutes of Joint Synod, '94, in the Minutes of this present meeting, with the following correction: The above assumption and the stricture involved are based on an error, inasmuch as the faculty at Columbus had made no such acknowledgment up to this time. But as they have since by a letter to the congregation at Butler acknowledged their wrong, we consider that the matter is hereby adjusted.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES.

Your Committee on Excuses begs leave to report as follows:
We move that Revs. Dillmann, Lose, Gerfen, Feeger, Clessler, the Professors Mees, Stellhorn, Theiss and Tobias Theuer be excused for leaving Synod before its close and that Teacher Jacob Stumpf and Delegate L. Schwartz be likewise excused for their non-attendance at Synod.

Your committee,

E. L. S. TRESSEL,
G. LOEWENSTEIN,
F. H. SNYDER.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Your committee has examined the questions referred to it and begs leave to submit the following to this honorable body:

1. The Constitution of Synod, Chapter IV, Sec. 2, and By-Laws Section 1, determine the election of delegates through the Districts, that is to say by the respective electoral circles, hence Synod has not the right to confer the prerogatives of a delegate on one not so elected.

2. Inasmuch as an electoral circle can only elect a member from within its midst, hence only such an one can also represent the precinct.

3. Since the electoral circle of one of our Districts through a congregation, out of misapprehension elected a pastor as delegate instead of a layman, your committee moves that under existing circumstances this election pass, but that hereafter the like shall not be permitted.

E. CRONENWETT,
C. BUECHLER,
JOHN A. HERMANN.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

1. The fixed time for sessions was from 8:00 to 11:00 a. m. and from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m., standard time.

2. On motion Revs. H. J. Reimann, G. W. Lose and D. E. Snapp were appointed as reporters for English city papers, and Teacher R. O. Kielsing for German.

3. *Resolved*, That Rev. M. C. Hecht and his congregation, in whose midst Synod assembled, be herewith extended the heartfelt thanks of Synod for their kind and generous hospitality, and that Rev. Hecht be requested to announce the same to his congregation. Rev. M. L. Baum and people were also included in this vote of thanks.

4. *Resolved*, That we herewith express our hearty appreciation to the Concordia choir and their efficient leader, Teacher L. R. Riedel, for the excellent musical entertainment given Monday evening.

5. *Resolved*, That we likewise express our gratitude to all who offered their generous services in conveying the members of Synod to the Soldiers' Home Saturday afternoon free of charge.

6. *Resolved*, That we herewith express our deepest and heartiest sympathy for those poor and persecuted Armenians who are suffering such ravages at the hands of the merciless Turks and petition the President of the United States to use his gracious offices in their behalf.

7. *Resolved*, That the place of our next meeting be left to the General President.

8. *Resolved*, That 6,000 German and 3,000 English copies of Minutes be published.

The business of Synod having been completed, Synod adjourned by repeating the Creed and the Lord's Prayer in concert.

The correctness of these Minutes is attested by

C. H. L. SCHUETTE, *General President.*

WM. H. PRICE, *English Secretary.*

H. P. DANNECKER, *German Secretary.*

**OFFICERS, STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS OF
JOINT SYNOD, WITH TIME OF SERVICE.**

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General President PROF. C. H. L. SCHUETTE, Columbus, O.
Eastern Vice-President.....REV. E. A. BOEHME, Youngstown, O.
Western Vice-President.....PROF. H. ERNST, St. Paul, Minn.
German Secretary.....REV. H. P. DANNECKER, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
English Secretary.....REV. W. H. PRICE, Detroit, Mich.
Treasurer MR. C. NAGEL, Springfield, O.

GENERAL TREASURER.

MR. F. J. HEER, 55-59 East Main Str., Columbus, O.—1898.

AUDITING COMMITTEE OF GENERAL TREASURY.

PROFS. K. HEMMINGHAUS, A. PFLUEGER, G. K. LEONARD.—1898.

FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER.

REV. J. G. BUTZ, Zelienople, Pa.—1898.

BOARD OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT COLUMBUS, O.

Dr. M. Loy (1900),	Rev. M. C. Hecht (1902),
Rev. E. G. Tressel (1900),	Rev. Geo. Dillmann (1902),
Rev. L. H. Burry (1900),	Mr. H. Holtermann (1902),
Rev. R. C. H. Lenski (1900),	Mr. H. Hueffelmann (1902),
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BOARD OF ENGLISH PRACTICAL SEMINARY, HICKORY, N. C.

Prof. H. K. G. Doermann (as officio),	Rev. E. L. S. Tressel (1902),
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Rev. J. H. Rexrode (1898),	Mr. L. C. Huffmann (1898),
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Rev. H. W. Mohrhoff (1898),	Teacher A. Oberschulte (1900),
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Rev. G. Mochel (1898),	Rev. J. Bauch (1902),
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BOARD OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN HOME.

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Rev. A. R. Kuldell (1902),	Mr. L. Glueck (1902).
Rev. H. J. Reimann (1902),	

MANAGER OF BOOK CONCERN.

Mr. J. L. Trauger (1898).

STATISTICIAN OF SYNOD.

Rev. Wm. H. Price (1898).

DIVINE SERVICES DURING SYNOD.

Divine services were held during Synod as follows:

REV. M. C. HECHT'S CHURCH.

Thursday Morning:—Synodical sermon by the Hon. President C. H. L. Schuette, on Matt. 16, 18, 19.

Friday Evening:—School sermon by H. P. Dannecker, on Acts 2, 39.

Sunday Morning:—Confessional sermon by Rev. W. Steinmann, Ph. D., on 2-Sam. 12, 13. Sermon by Rev. C. H. Rohe, on Luke 17, 11-19.

Sunday Evening:—English sermon by Prof. H. K. G. Doermann, on James 5, 7, 8.

Tuesday Evening:—Mission sermon by Rev. E. Pfeiffer, on Matt. 9.

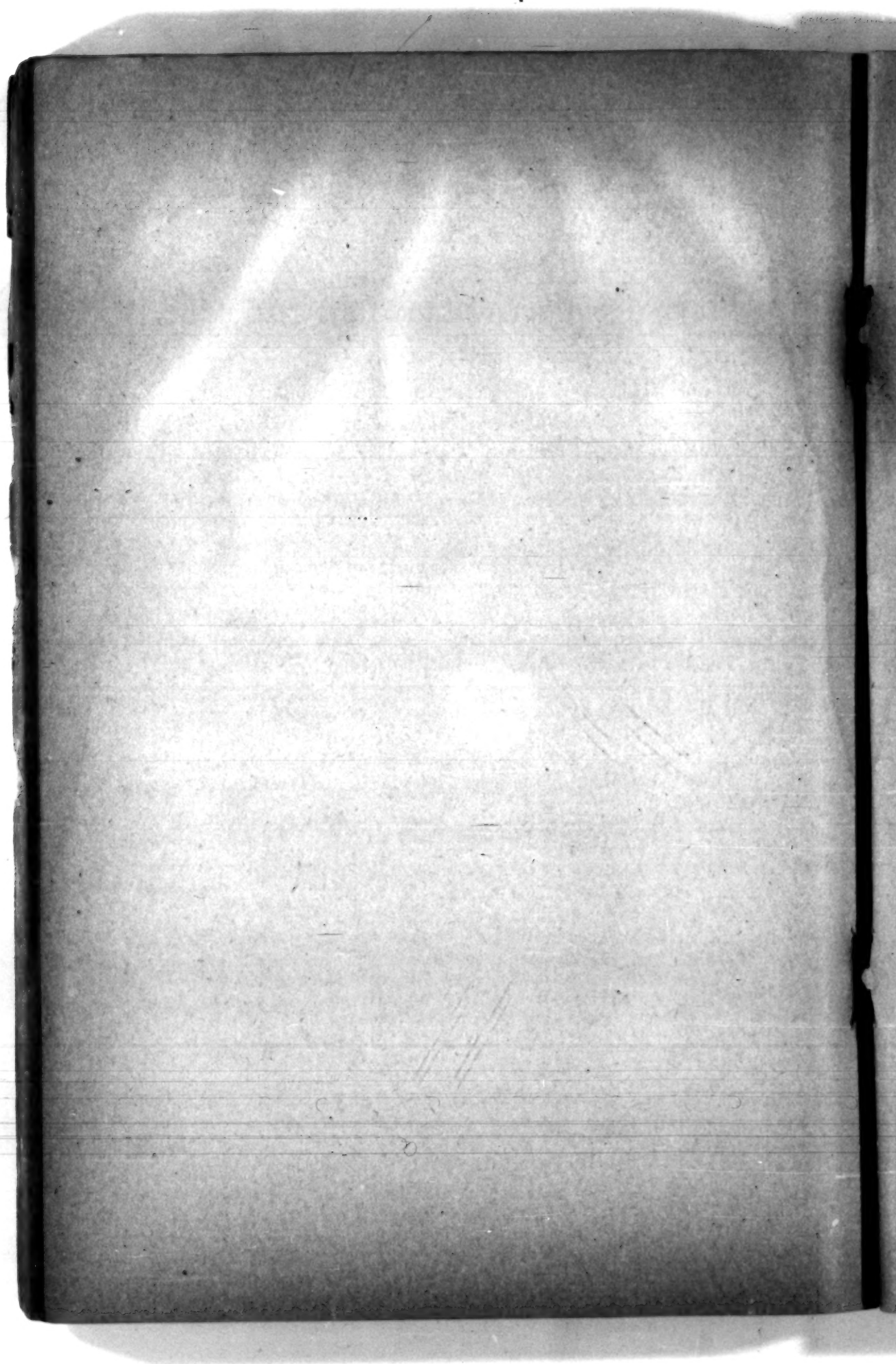
Wednesday Evening:—Closing sermon by Rev. F. Matter, on Ps. 133.

REV. M. L. BAUM'S CHURCH.

Sunday Morning:—Sermon by Rev. E. L. S. Tressel, on Luke 17, 11-19.

Sunday Evening:—Sermon by Rev. L. M. Hunt, on Joshua 22, 1-6.

Sunday Afternoon:—Sermons by Prof. K. Hemminghaus and Rev. J. H. Schneider at the corner-stone laying of a school-house in the north part of Dayton—the beginning of a mission.



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